

## OUR FAITH



EASTER 2023

*Do not be afraid the angel tells the women who have come to the empty tomb. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen as he said he would!*

*Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him."*

Life is calling them, calling us away from dead things. Love is calling them and us out of the tomb of our fears and despair. Will we go and see where he is coming to meet us?

Each Easter, we repeat the familiar rites. We come together and take simple things - fire and light - water and oil - bread and wine. This is beautifully echoed in the artwork by Poppy Wishart which I selected from our Easter Art Exhibition. We tell the great story again. We sing, we pray, we move together. We stand at the doorway of a mystery where past and present and future come together.

This mystery is our relationship with God. We don't understand it fully now, but we can touch it and we can enter it.

This mystery is Jesus Christ, son of God and son of Mary. Two thousand years ago, his friends saw him die and then they met him after he rose from the dead, the same man but transformed. Their story has been handed on to us. It can become our story too, because Jesus is alive and we can meet him too, wherever Galilee may be for you or me.

The story has been handed on, not in words alone, but in the community of the Church and her sacraments. In Baptism we celebrate not just an outward ceremony: we receive faith and eternal life from God. For those who are baptized, the new creation has already begun.

Each Christian's story of receiving forgiveness and a new beginning is their own. And, as each person's story opens out to the life of God's Kingdom, we discover, in the communion of saints, in the life of the Church, that it is one great story and it is ours.

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

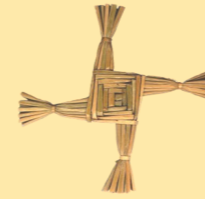


*A "HUGE" thankyou to all who made the Easter Celebrations a very special time in our Parish.*



**Blessing of Homes during Eastertime**  
*There are phials for Easter Holy Water and Home blessing sheets available at the statue of Mary & Jesus in the church*

## Catholic Parish of St Brigid's Dubbo



**Our Parish Vision Statement**  
St Brigid's will be a community that actively lives the Good News of Christ. We strive to be Christ centred, welcoming to all and to encourage everyone to grow spiritually.



## OUR WORSHIP

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16TH APRIL 2023

Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; 1Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

#### 1st reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24.

*R/v.1*

*R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

#### 2nd Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

#### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the

house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Reflections

St Brigid's community can be a great source of faith and comfort - what makes you feel that you belong?

Who are the people who may feel they don't belong?

What can we do to invite them in - or back?

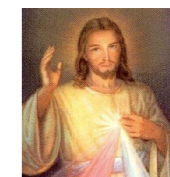
Does your faith bring joy? Does it assist you when "you are plagued with all sorts of trials"?

What is your experience of being 'sent'?

When have you experienced doubts?

What helped you in those times?

When do you experience "resurrection moments" in your life?



**We acknowledge the original owners of this land and pay respects to the elders: past, present, and emerging of the Wiradjuri people.**

# OUR COMMUNITY

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## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
**Kathleen Jackson**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
**Simon BOLTON**  
**Matthew LAWRENCE**  
**BERNARD KABLE**

### Masses to be offered for:

Tom, Nora, Ron & Ann O'Shannessy, John & Marge Murray, Tom & Zilla Egan, Keith Egan, Rel. O'Shannessy, Kelly, Egan & Simpson families, Joan Cowley (sick), Atkins & Galea families, Keith Beacroft, Garth Ireson, Cecil & Kay O'Leary, John Johnson, Anthony & Mary Mamo, Frank & Mary Teuma, Gilbert & Martin Pahlow, Neville Treacy, Dennis Taylor, Kreyborg family, Domico Dean, Colin Shibble, Special Intentions, Dean family & friends, Tony Carolan, Lourdes Oracion (Melbourne), Iris Hodder, James Alborough, Melbourne Stephenson, John Joseph Reynolds, Deceased members of the Reynolds, Kingham & Ryan families, Prayers for Phillip, Neville Heron, Marguerite Taylor, Alfred Walsh, Enid Porch, Luciani, Crisante, Sulpizio families, Maria Angeloni, Rina Mastello, Marcello Pavan, Dick & Margaret Ryan, Jim Slavin (seriously ill), Colleen Moffitt, Paula Gray, P A, Val & Shirley Egan, Tom Nelson, Ray & Maureen Nolan, Judy Prentice, Don Egan, Greg Tratt, Paul, Phillip, Karen Van Denhoven, Marcia, Terry & Jim Fahy, Francesco & Bibiana Lappa, Lappa family, Arturo & Angela Marinucci, Dec'd members of the Marinucci family, Ida Mathes, Tim Meehan, Ray Meehan, Bill O'Neill, Tom & Joan Slattery, Dec'd members of McMillan, Munro & Olsen families, Madden, Duggan & Honeysett families, Jake Walton

### Those who are sick:

Isabella Betts, Helen Barter, John Bonnington, Carmel Carolan, Molly Croft, Joshua Farr, Anthony Galea Snr, Joe Gough, Brian Heron, Rachel Hobden, Brooke Kaluzyn, P A, Margaret Main, Mike, Hollie Mulligan,, Keith Newton, Pat Nitschki, Valerie Perkins, Tom Schiemer, Mick Simmons.

Lord, may your peace  
come upon people across our world  
who are struggling in our present  
crisis. May the hope of resurrection  
sustain and comfort us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



## PARISH OFFICE

**Open Monday to Friday**  
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## CHURCHES

St Brigid's  
200 Brisbane Street

St Laurence's  
70 Tamworth Street

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Federation St. Ballimore



## HOME ROSARY

**Tuesday 17th April**  
**to Friday 21st April,**

**at the home of Colleen Elliott,**  
**7 Davidson Drive, Dubbo**

**Commencing at 4.00pm**

All are most welcome.

If you would like to be included  
on the roster contact  
Fran Schubert 0417 452 678

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## This week at a glance

**Monday 17th April**  
12pm Mass at St Laurence's  
Choir in recess

**Tuesday 18th April**  
5.00pm Meditation  
5.45pm Mass St Brigid's  
Mens Choir in recess

**Wednesday 19th April**  
9.30am Mass St Laurence's  
10.30am Craft M/R 3

**Thursday 20th April**  
5.45pm Mass St Brigid's

**Friday 21st April**  
12pm Mass at St Laurence's

**Saturday 22nd April**  
9.30.am Mass St Brigid's  
6.00pm Vigil Mass St Brigid's

**Sunday 23rd April**  
7.30am Mass St Laurence's  
9.00am Mass St Brigid's  
5.00pm Mass Ballimore  
6.00pm Mass St Brigid's

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## HARD OF HEARING?

St Brigid's Church hearing loop can  
be accessed by using the T-switch  
on your hearing aid.

**St Laurence's Catholic School is**  
**advising that enrolments for**  
**2024 Kindergarten are**  
**open. Enrolments forms are**  
**available on the school**  
**website or from the office.**

♦ **Also required at St Laurence's is**  
**a volunteer to teach Chess to students**  
**at the School.**



**Every Sunday after 9am**  
**Mass, come along for a**  
**cuppa in front of the**  
**Meeting rooms.**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

16th April 2023  
St Brigid's Church



**1.30pm** *The Holy Rosary*  
**2.00pm** *Blessing & Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy*  
**2.15pm** *Stations of the Cross*  
**2.30pm** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
*Confession Available*  
**3.00pm** *Divine Mercy Chaplet*  
**3.30pm** *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

## WELCOME AND BLESSING

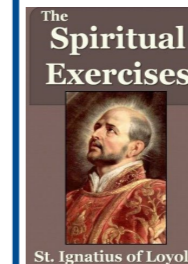


*During this special Easter Season,*  
*St Brigid's Parish welcomes our RCIA*  
*Candidate to our parish community.*

**LISA TRUUNG**

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES**  
**SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP**  
**Will be held at the Uniting Church Dubbo on 22nd April.**  
**Details will be advised closer to the date.**

## First Spiritual Exercises - Ignatian Spirituality



To commence Tuesday 25th April @ 6.30pm.  
Majority of people expressed a desire to engage  
with the exercises.  
**ALL** welcome even if you did not put your  
name on the list.  
Contact Deacon Mike 0421902 159 if you would  
like more information. Meetings are held in  
Meeting room 3 (old canteen).

## CLAIM THE DATE



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday May 13th from 7.30am**  
Invited guest speaker Full details later  
Organised by St. Brigid's Pastoral Council

**WANTED URGENTLY**  
**DATA OPERATORS FOR 6pm SUNDAY MASS**  
**You will only be rostered on once a month contact the**  
**Office 6882 4233**

There will be **NO 2nd THURSDAY PARISH DINNER**  
in **MAY** The next Parish Dinner will be held on 8th June

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