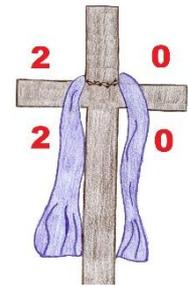


**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**Easter Sunday ALLELUIA!!!**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



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*Father Tony and those working in the Parish extend their prayerful good wishes that the light of the Risen Christ may overcome any darkness in our hearts and minds at this Easter time, during our time of self-isolation.. May it bring the joy of Easter to the families of the parish find a place in every heart and home in the Parish.*

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.**  
**ALLELUIA!!!!**

*Fr Tony*



**THE DEEP END**

In each of the Gospels, Mary Magdalene is one of the first witnesses to the resurrection. She is the apostle to the apostles. She is one who remained faithful to Jesus through his arrest, trial and execution. We often think of her as the first person to 'see' the resurrected Jesus, but first she 'hears' Him. She sees with her ears and that is where her vocation becomes very clear. What love and what courage!

'Risen Lord, shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death  
and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope,  
that they who daily bear the cross of hunger  
may find your Promised Land,  
and move from slavery to freedom.

As we proclaim your Easter song help us to die to greed and rise to justice,  
to abandon apathy and take up action,  
that rich and poor together may travel the road to freedom,  
and be restored to your resurrection life. Amen'.

**NOTE: GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

There has been a change of date for the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. The date for the Collection has been transferred to Sunday September 13th 2020 – the date closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.



## VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONS

Father Tony invites you to forward to the Parish Office a photo of you and your family to make a 'virtual congregation' at Our Lady of Grace Church Family photos supplied will be printed out and placed in the pews of the church where the Easter weekend services are to be celebrated and where Mass will be celebrated each Sunday of the isolation period when parishioners are not able to come to the building.



Thanks to those who have already sent them in. Keep them coming!!!

### IN THE PARISH

**AS PER CARDINAL JOHN DIRECTIVE ALL PARISH GATHERINGS  
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED**

#### TIMES OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY TRIDUUM (PRIVATE)

Holy Thursday	7:30 pm
Good Friday	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	10:30 am

On the Archdiocesan website [www.wn.catholic.org.nz](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz) is reference to a link that provides Orders of Service for Home based Prayer Services based on the services that make up the Triduum. You might like to pray these prayers at the same time that Father Tony is celebrating the ceremonies. Below is the link to the .pdf file.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dg\\_wbpax-x5x75cx8grnxmh0bskhknik/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dg_wbpax-x5x75cx8grnxmh0bskhknik/view?usp=sharing)

Looking for **Wellington-based Easter Triduum services** follow this custom YouTube URL. <https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWellington> courtesy of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Here is the schedule they are working towards having the videos ready by:

- \* Holy Thursday 7.30pm
- \* Good Friday 3.00pm
- \* Easter Vigil 7.30pm \* There will be no Easter Day Mass

COMING  
UP

## UPDATE ON COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

See the Parish website for the latest update and directives from Cardinal John with regard to Parish activities during this Covid-19 incident



## RESOURCES FOR AN UNUSUAL TIME

The Archdiocesan website ([www.wn.catholic.org.nz](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz)) has on its home page a link to prayer and spiritual resources that many have already found helpful at this time. You might want to check out **A TIME FOR PRAYER AND CARE**



which lists access to spiritual and prayer resources including Masses on line and via ShineTV. A Catholic service is scheduled for Good Friday 10 April – 8.30am

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



During this time of self-isolation the weekly newsletter is only sent to those who have requested it to be emailed to them or off the web-page. There may be fellow parishioners around you who are not on the internet. Without breaking the 2metre separation have you thought about asking them if they would like a copy, then printing one out for them and dropping it into their letterbox.



## PLANNED GIVING

If you normally support the Parish financial with weekly donations at Sunday Mass and would still like to continue to donate, you can either place your donation into the letterslot beside the front door of the presbytery, or do an internet banking deposit directly into the Parish bank account.



If you would like to arrange to move to the automatic payment method please contact the Parish Office who will make arrangements for this.

### Our Bank Account Details are

**BNZ 02 0772 0070279 00 Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**

Please include your **Surname** on the deposit and if you usually donate using Planned Giving Envelopes please include **three digit number** printed on your envelopes in the **REFERENCE portion** so your donation can be recorded for Tax Donation purposes

If you wish to provide a donation for the Holy Places or Easter Dues special collections please indicate this under the Code portion (HP/ED).

**THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK** is meant to help you enjoy six minutes of prayer each day during the 50 days of the Easter season. Reflections will be based on the Acts of the Apostles and the early Church. This Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. There are still about 10 copies which can be mailed to you if you like. Please send an email or call 04 972 4282.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - Home in Heaven

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them. "Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver.



The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized swimming pool. "Wow, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. "Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the pastor. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

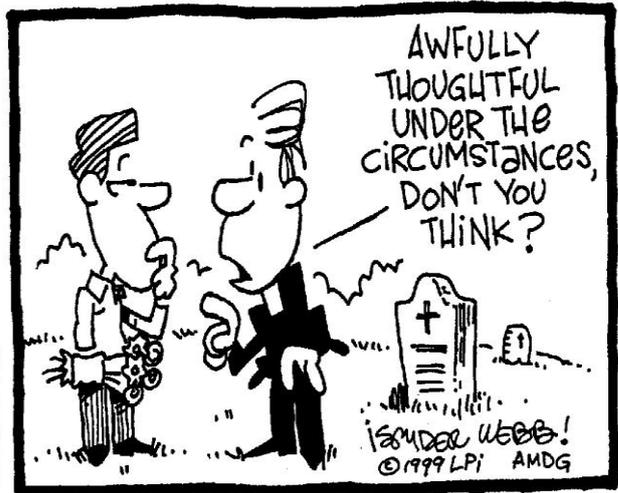
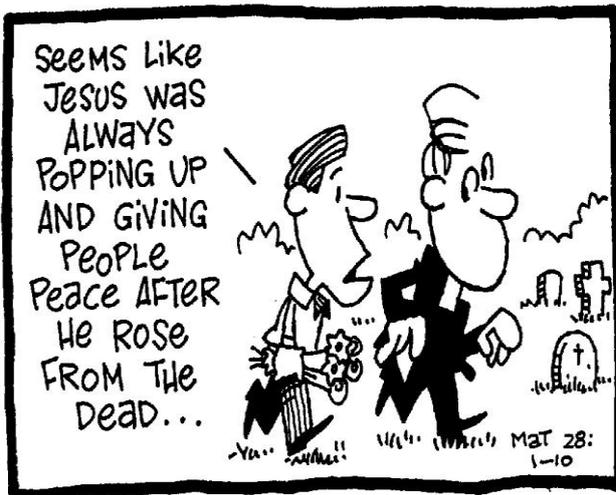
"Yes, that's true," said St. Peter. "But during your sermons, people slept."

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell especially Mary Duncan, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including Br Brian Wanden FMS, Eamon Thompson and Alfred Moss. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace



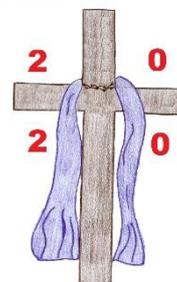
Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
12th April Easter Sunday		19th April Second Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	First Reading	Acts 2: 42-47
Second Reading	Col. 3:1-4	Second Reading	Peter 1: 3-9
Gospel	John 20: 1-9	Gospel	John 20: 19-31

### EASTER





**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020**

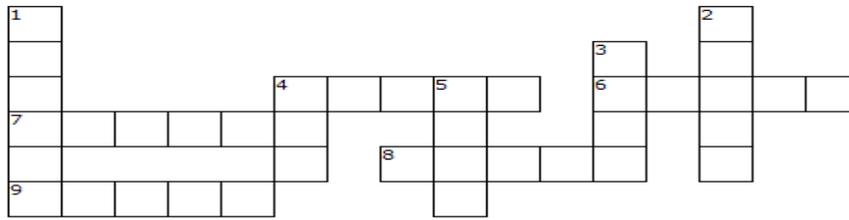


1. Let each of us pray that those who follow Christ may find fresh courage for trials at this time of COVID-19 when we celebrate the life Jesus won for us this day.  
We pray to the Lord.
2. Let each of us pray that God will bring healing and hope top a humanity driven and oppressed by concerns of various kinds.  
We pray to the Lord.
3. Let each of us pray that as we celebrate **LIFE** this Ester Sunday we may be concerned for the welfare of creation and our environment, a rich gift we receive from God himself  
.We pray to the Lord.
4. Let each of us pray for a speedy restoration of daily life in our county and the world, and that we will, as we can reach out in love to those around us who are in need.  
We pray to the Lord.
5. Let each of us pray for the sick, aged, infirmed and terminally ill, particularly those with the coronavirus: that God will heal them and restore them to their families and communities  
We pray to the Lord
6. Let each of us pray that as we enter this Holy Week in our own homes, may we journey with Christ in his suffering so that we may experience the true joy of Easter.  
We pray to the Lord
7. Let each of us as we celebrate our Saviour's victory over death, confidently entrust our deceased loved one to his death-defeating grace, especially those who have died Br Brian Wanden FMS, Eamon Thompson and Alfred Moss. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.  
We pray to the Lord.

# SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNGER ONES

## The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.  
John 20:1 (NIV)



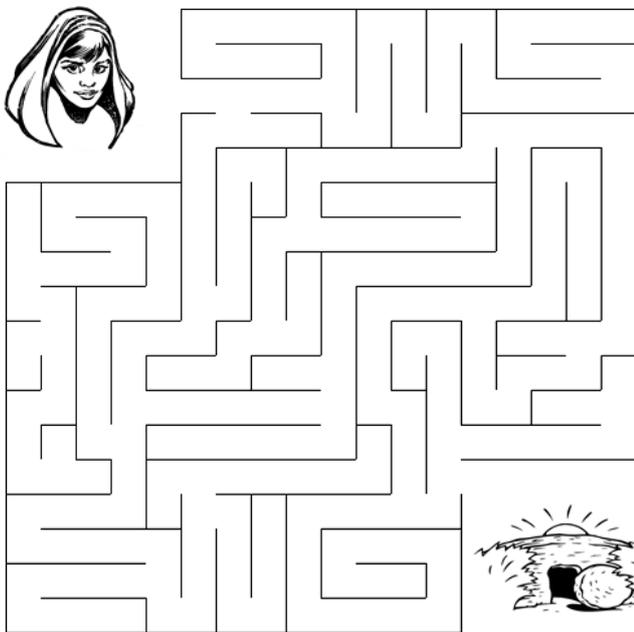
### ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

### DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

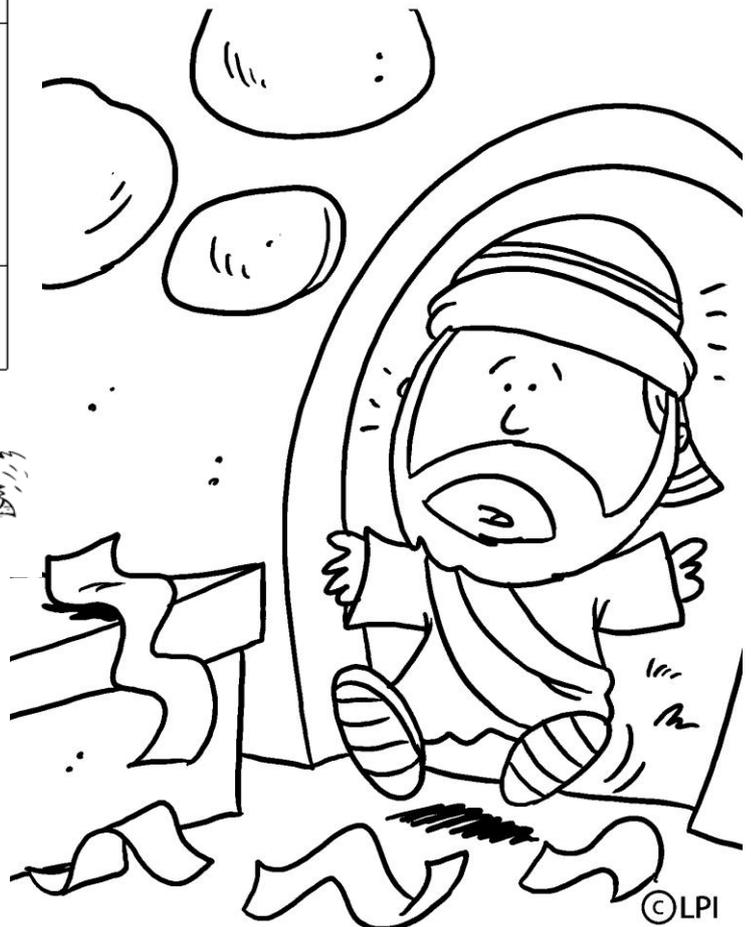
EMPTY STONE	ANGELS ALIVE	EASTER TOMB	CLOTH CRY	WHITE MARY
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Can you help Mary Magdalene find the way to the Tomb



Read the Gospel and Color



# AND FOR THE OLDER ONES

## Easter Trivia



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Correct Answers \_\_\_\_\_

1. How do the majority of children eat their chocolate bunnies?

- A. Broken into pieces
- B. Tail first
- C. Ears first
- D. Feet first

2. How did eggs come to be associated with Easter?

- A. Edible treat easy to decorate
- B. Came from a chicken that is a symbol of Easter
- C. Because it was inexpensive
- D. It was considered a symbol of life

3. What is the most popular jellybean flavor?

- A. Cherry
- B. Strawberry
- C. Lime
- D. Grape

4. What kind of bread is associated with Easter?

- A. Bagel
- B. Hot cross buns
- C. Banana bread
- D. Biscuit

5. What is the name for the traditional Ukrainian craft of egg decorating?

- A. Scratched eggs
- B. Etched eggs
- C. Pysanka
- D. Paschal eggs

6. From which country the Easter Bunny was brought to America?

- A. Italy
- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Hungary

7. The Easter Bunny was not a rabbit at first. What was it?

- A. A dove
- B. A hare
- C. A cat
- D. A possum

8. Where is the world's largest collection of Easter eggs?

- A. Poland
- B. Ukraine
- C. Canada
- D. United States

9. On which day is a tradition to make pancakes?

- A. Ash Wednesday
- B. Easter Monday
- C. Good Friday
- D. Shrove Tuesday

10. Which flower is associated with Easter?

- A. Rose
- B. Dahlia
- C. Tulip
- D. Lily

11. Where is the world's largest decorated Easter egg?

- A. Canada
- B. United States
- C. Germany
- D. Ukraine

12. What are the Easter colors?

- A. Pink and Purple
- B. Yellow and Pink
- C. Purple and Yellow
- D. Green and Purple

Answers will be forwarded on Sunday