



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

St Francis' Parish

Catholic Parish of Dungog Gresford

Incorporating **St Mary's Church**, Brown Street, Dungog; **St Patrick's Church**, Rifle Street, Clarence Town; **St Helen's Church**, Park Street, East Gresford; **Sacred Heart Church**, Summerhill Road, Summerhill via Vacy.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

5 APRIL 2026

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Office Hours The Parish Office is staffed on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.

Parish Bulletin The Parish Bulletin is published each Sunday. Items for inclusion should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

Safeguarding Promotion: For all safeguarding concerns within the parish, please contact Fr Andrew in the first instance, or the Office of Safeguarding (www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).

Social Media Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Threads – all with the username *dgcatholic*.

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A Pastoral Note...

One of the beautiful aspects – as far as I am concerned anyway – of the arrival of Easter and the Easter season is the return of the acclamation of praise that has been absent from the Church's life since Ash Wednesday.

I speak, of course, of 'Alleluia'.

This acclamation is our acclamation; we are an 'Alleluia' people, because we revel in the beauty and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus, that singular event that gives us our identity and which creates us as the Church.

From the wonderful moment during the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night when, just before the Gospel account of the Resurrection is proclaimed, through each and every celebration of the Church's liturgy outside the Season of Lent, the refrain that is ours – Alleluia! – rings forth as a reminder of the great joy that is ours.

This acclamation is not something we should sing

with sad and dour looks; this is the very Easter joy proclaimed in sung words, loudly and vigorously, as a reminder that because of what God has done in Jesus Christ, because of the Resurrection, Death is no longer the last word.

And that reality is at the very heart of what we recall and celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Jesus has been raised from the dead, and thus we can be confident that Death is not the last word, is not the end.

And, my friends, if that is not worthy of us singing 'Alleluia' over and over again, I cannot begin to imagine what might!

May the Resurrection bring joy and comfort to you and yours.

Fr Andrew

Χριστός ανέστη!
Αληθώς ανέστη!

Christ is risen!
He is truly risen!

Today's Liturgy (for Sunday morning only)

Scripture Readings:

First: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Second: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

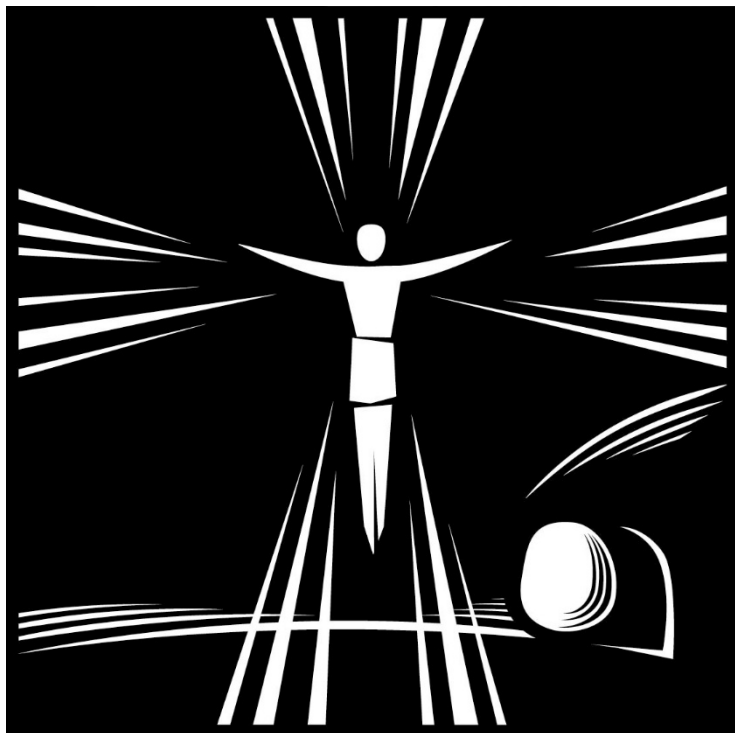
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.



Alleluia!!

International Eucharistic Congress 2028

In 2028, Australia will host a landmark moment as Sydney hosts the International Eucharistic Congress (Eucharist28).

This is more than a single event. It marks the beginning of a journey of renewal, transformation and mission, centred on an encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

A moment to believe. The journey has begun. Join us at eucharist28.org.

The Parish Diary (for the week ahead...)

The Easter Octave, Year A

Monday 6 April

Tuesday 7 April

8.30am Mass @ Dungog

Wednesday 8 April

8.30am Mass @ Dungog

Thursday 9 April

9.30am Mass @ East Gresford

Friday 10 April

8.30am Mass @ Dungog

11am Anointing Mass @ Lara Aged Care

Saturday 11 April

Sunday 12 April

Second Sunday of Easter

8am Mass @ Clarence Town

9.30am Mass @ Dungog

11.30am Mass @ Summer Hill

Bishop Michael's Easter Message for 2026

Bishop Michael has published his Easter message to the diocesan and broader communities. You can watch the video on our webpage by going to t.ly/NWc9.

In Your Charity, Please Pray For:

Those Who Have Died:

Those Whose Anniversary of Death Is In April: Bede Gehrig, Ruth Jones, Lenore McDermott, Paula Murphy, Robert Holdom, Dorothy Bowtell, Rex Garland, Bruno Rocco, Herbert John Preece, Allie Allen, Peter Allen, Tom O'Driscoll, Paddy Kilpinen, Bill Tyne, Neil Faber, Lyn Barry, Michael Flanagan, Paul Cooper.

Those Who Are Sick and Unwell: Warren Wade, Kevin Ward, Keith Edwards, Susan Barlow, Jean Robertson, Jessica Byron, Gwen Trappel, Eileen Chalenor, Kay Hackney, Graham McCarthy, Lyn Heaney, Paul Hardy, Joy Cavanough, Monique Jones, Joshua Kealy, John Newton.

Papal Prayer Intention for April: "Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

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