



We are Working Witnesses to Christ

Psalm response: *This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!*

Jesus Christ, the innocent victim of our sinful society and of our personal guilt, is a love so strong that even death does not hold Him back from us and from continuing His loving work. The Christ who was quite publicly and violently put to death is alive and at work in the world right now, and in every place and situation.

And we are witnesses, not to the empty tomb like Peter and the others, for we have never seen it, but witnesses to the fact that Jesus has indeed risen and is actually alive in the world, and still going about bringing His Kingdom into visible life. Where we have seen Christ alive and continuing His mission is in those we truly respect – and also even at work in us.

What do we witness to in our lives at this time in the world's history and for the small circle of people that we affect? And how do we do that witnessing? We simply do what we

can to live and act like our Master: as well as we can. We love as He does because He has appeared in our lives, spoken to us, and called us to follow Him, learn from Him, and serve Him as He establishes His Kingdom in and through us. Our witnessing is Jesus alive and at work in us – but only to the extent that we trust Him and let Him direct our values, our hearts, our hopes, and the actions we choose to take in this light.

Christ is our Way to the Father, our unique Way. Think of Him as a bridge across a tremendous chasm, such as the one He mentions in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31). His



Message for our Parishioners on Easter Sunday **The Fullest of Life in the Empty Tomb**

My dear friends,

We wait, we wait in hope in the midst of darkness and death.

We long for freedom, freedom to move out of our home again.

We miss the Eucharist, we miss the community and we miss Jesus!

We feel empty at times and lonesome that life is not the same anymore.

There is silence in Nature as we hold our breath in expectation

Of a new day, of a new dawn to bring us word that we barely dare to hope

Yes! He is not here! He is alive!

The empty tomb is the gate he passed-over to Eternal Life

It is the threshold that ends his incarnation on earth

To enter into his home with God where he belongs in heaven

For it is accomplished and accepted for we hope, love and believe.

Wishing all of you a Blessed Happy Holy Easter!

Fr Colin Tan SJ
Parish Priest

victory over sin and death makes Him the Way to the Father as a person, in a relationship. He is also the Way in being a pattern for us, the model for how to be human in the best way, for while He sits at the Father's right hand since the Ascension, He is also here on Earth, in the Eucharist and in us.

To enter upon the Way, people need to see Jesus in us since He is not visible in Himself. Others can ordinarily find Christ in us if we witness to Him by our actions, by our values and our principles, and by our words. This is much more than simple politeness, more than the sort of service that gains us admiration in our community; it is living a radical hope in God: we act lovingly in season and out, not out of our wealth, but habitually even in our poverty, trusting in God to back us up in whatever way He deems best.

And so today we celebrate and proclaim Jesus, who is indeed the Christ: He is God's Anointed, the Messiah who has accomplished the work that His Father gave Him to do and is now in/with/through us to share His loving – and just as He affects us by His loving and active presence, we affect others. We reveal the living and risen Christ, for we are His Mystical Body in the world. In our seeming emptiness we are witnesses that there is a fullness of life not evident in this world's eyes, but nonetheless totally real.

We are indeed His witnesses, and the Greek word for that is "martyr", which in English means one who dies for a cause or a person: let us die to ourselves that we might indeed rise with Jesus. Let Him be alive and at work not only in the world right now and in every place and situation, let Him be alive in us.

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PARISH NEWS

Regulations pertaining to Church ministries, activities and events are available at:

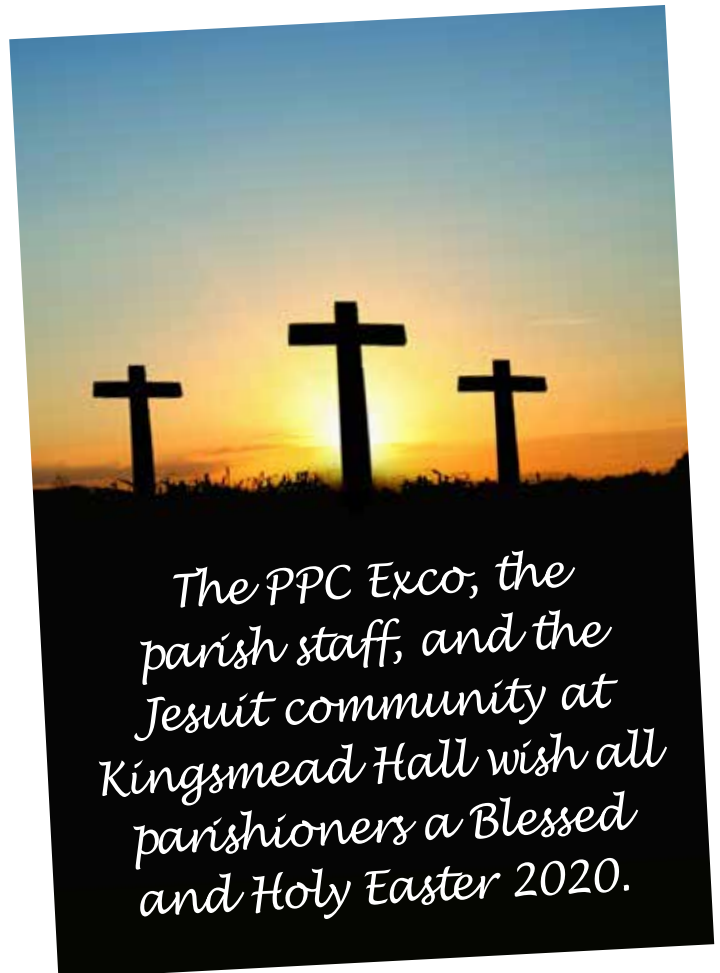
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THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Our parish priests, Frs Colin, Jerome and Ravi would like to thank all parishioners for their thoughtfulness and generous donation to the Church, even though the Church is closed and all Masses have been suspended.



MASS OFFERING

In view of the suspension of all church Masses until further notice, all Mass Intentions will be offered by priests during their private daily Masses.

A recorded **GOSPEL REFLECTION** for this Easter Sunday, 12 April by Fr Colin Tan, SJ is available at: <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/what-s-happening/gallery/video-gallery>

LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION

During this time of uncertainty, let us pause to reflect on all that the Lord has blessed us with, for the beauty of the earth and all of nature. Although this Laudato Si' Reflection was meant to be a meditative walk in our parish garden, the Green Ministry invites you to instead spend some quiet time with our Lord in your own homes, with your families, or in your gardens. May we "discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation ... that God is present in the whole universe and in the smallest of all creatures".



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