



As Christians, we celebrate Easter for entirely different reasons than most people do. About two thousand years ago, God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, and to die for our sins! But Jesus did not stay dead; He rose from his tomb! So, we are actually celebrating Jesus' death for our sins and His resurrection. That is why many people call Easter, Resurrection Sunday, because that is exactly what it is.

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL

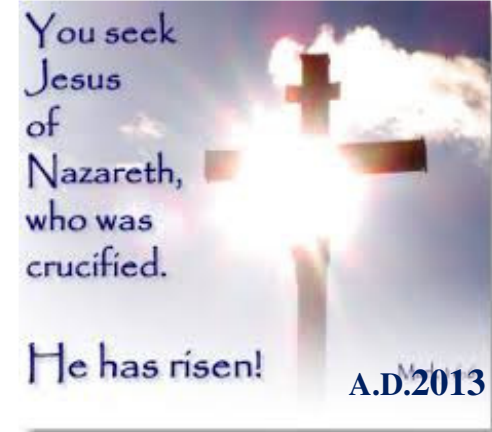
"Kenosis" derives from the Greek word "kenoo" which means "to empty." It is used in Phil. 2:7. The text of Phil. 2:5-8 is worth recording here. "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men but sin. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," (Phil. 2:5-8). The passage from Phil. 2:5-8 does not teach that Jesus gave up any of His divine attributes (omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence), instead, it is speaking of His humility that moved him, according to the will of the Father, to leave His majestic state in heaven and enter into the humble position of human nature.

There is, however, a problem the one must deal with that the Kenosis theory seems to more adequately address. Take Mark 13:32 for example. In it, Jesus said, "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." If Jesus knew all things, as is implied in His divine nature, then why did He not know the day or hour of His own return. The answer is that Jesus cooperated with the limitations of humanity and voluntarily did not exercise His attribute of omniscience. He still was divine but was moving and living completely as a man. The correct doctrine is the Hypostatic Union, that Jesus is both fully God and fully man (Col. 2:9) and did not give up any divine attributes while as a man on earth.

The hypostatic union is the term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time. Jesus always had been God (John 8:58, 10:30), but at the incarnation Jesus became a human being (John 1:14). The addition of the human nature to the divine nature is Jesus, the God-man. This is the hypostatic union, Jesus Christ, one Person, fully God and fully man.

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31st March 2013 (C)

EASTER SUNDAY

1ST READING: Acts 10:34. 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: St John 20:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am
Wed: 6pm
Fri: 9:15am
Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Apts)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:
Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm
Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass
BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANointing MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend
1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:
11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

70% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Easter Vigil: Pro Populo

Sun 8am: †Jean Alice Worham

Sun 9:30am: †John Eves

Sun 5pm: †Young Family & Keith Edwards

Mon 7:30am: †Simon Ahn

Tues 7:30am: †Margaret Little

Wed 6pm: †Marty Tyndall

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Jenny & Peter Yong, Mollie Burgess, Alan Sargeant. and Josephine Helback ...*

Still there is accommodation available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr Robert O'Shea, the manager.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to Joseph Burton & Dadney Payet (6th), Mark Sarmiento (7th) and Pat De La Motte (8th).

Daylight Saving will end on Sun 7th April at 3am. Please turn your clock back 1hr.

PROJECT COMPASSIONS BOXES: Please place all boxes with your donations in the container (as indicated) at the altar as soon as possible. Thank you.

50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be held at St Mary's Cathedral Crypt with Eucharistic Adoration on **Sun 21st April from 12noon to 5pm.** Holy Hour with Vespers will follow in the Main Church.

Diocesan Youth Camp for Yrs 7-10 will be held from Mon 22nd to 24th April. For more details log on to www.cys.org.au.

Positions vacant at CYS Homebush West: 1) Events Coordinator: Full time maternity leave to Feb. 2014; 2) Youth Ministry Support Officer: Parttime, 3days/wk. Further details on www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

The Great Adventure: Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery. Next session: Sun 21st April 2013.

Catholicism. The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4th Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery. Next session: Sun 28th April 2013.

Comment on article related to "High rate of divorces in Daceyville" from last Southern Courier: "Come as you are..."

This weekend: Vigil: Volunteer (A) L Paquin, J Spora, A Slattery (R) G Chin, M Wong (C) Musicians
8:00am: J Heaney (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) C Findlay (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counters:** V & G Hage (Wed)

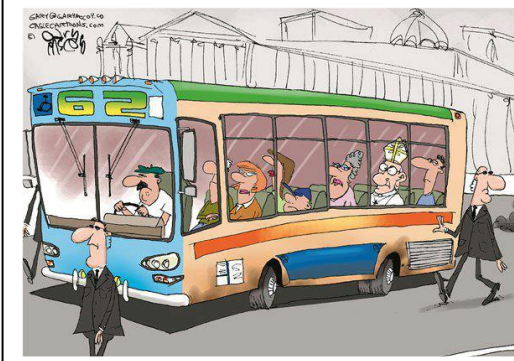
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5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** J De Andrade

There is a story told about a journey Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin, a Russian communist leader took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly on the subject of atheism. Addressing the crowd he aimed his heavy artillery at Christianity hurling insult, argument, and proof against it. An hour later his lecture was finished. He looked out at what seemed to be the smouldering ashes of men's faith. "Are there any questions?" Bukharin demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium but then one man approached the platform and mounted the lectern standing near the communist leader. He surveyed the crowd first to the left then to the right. Finally he shouted the ancient greeting known well in the Russian Orthodox Church: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" En masse the crowd arose as one man and the response came crashing like the sound of thunder: "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

I say to you this morning: CHRIST IS RISEN! (congregational response should be: HE IS RISEN INDEED!). I am convinced! I have faith that Christ was dead and he was buried. That I believe. But, this too I accept as true: He rose from the dead and will come again in glory.



As the Royal Commission begins its work soon, let us pray for the Divine blessings and inspiration in funding spirit of justice, support and healing for the heartbroken victims and forgiveness for the offenders.



On behalf of all the priests working in difficult conditions or incapacitated by health and age, I wish to express my grateful thanks and gratitude for your generous contributions to the Easter Appeal. May God bless and strengthen you all in your journey of faith.