



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**
Saturday 11th April 2020
Easter Vigil



*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation **Please follow your pew sheet for the service of the Easter Vigil.***

*The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire and the presider says
May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
The minister takes the Paschal candle, lifts it high and sings or says
Christ our Light
Thanks be to God.*

New Testament Reading:

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 6.3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 28.1 – 10

28After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.⁵But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Homily

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Paschal candle is carried to the font.

Blessing of the water:

Responses:

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

I do.

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

I do.

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

I do.

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen**

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**