

## EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy and blessed Easter to you all. "Resurrexit sicut dixit." He has risen as he said he would. Jesus has rebuilt the temple in three days as he promised he would and could. For Christians everywhere this is a time of great hope, especially as the world is so tested at this present time. All of us will have known people who have succumbed to the pandemic, all of us will have suffered the pressures and restraints of the past year. Yet our vision is not simply a vision of this life; it is also a vision of the life to come. Everything we do is under the light of the risen Lord. He is our ultimate salvation.

As we savour this special time of Easter which will continue now for several weeks, may life begin to free us all and at the same time help us to remember to be wiser, less dependent on earthly things and more dependent on the values of heaven and those given us by Jesus himself. Let our hearts be filled with compassion, our memories of loved ones be firm, our readiness to pray and relate their souls and our souls to the Lord Jesus and our Heavenly Father. May we teach our children and our children's children the way of the Lord rather than simply the ways of the world with all its blessings and pitfalls!

The words of Jesus, "Can you not wait one hour with me" is a reminder of how limited we are in our love for him and one another. It should bring shame to our minds and hearts when we realise at times how little we give back to him when he has given all for us.

Let our resurrection be blessed by a renewed presence of the Lord in our lives. May we give thanks for him as I give thanks for you and all the help and support over this past year. So many of you have pitched in and given help and positive ideas to keep our parish and faith alive. I thank you ever so much and wish you all the very best for the future in Christ.

Keep safe and well!

God bless you all and a Happy Easter!

*Father Anton s.c.j.*

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and  
Our Lady & Saint Werburgh, Clayton***

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