**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 21st April 2025**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

Celebrant: The awe and great joy which filled the hearts

of the women on that first Easter day

continues to echo throughout the Church today.

1. May Pope Francis place his hope in the risen Jesus and not be afraid as he regains his strength.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May Jesus’ greeting *Do not be afraid,*

bring comfort to those who are distressed at this time.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who create lies in order to cover up the truth

come to realize how dangerous is their action.

Christ, hear us.

1. May missionaries give witness to the risen Christ,

drawing inspiration from St Peter, who first proclaimed

that message in the streets of Jerusalem.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the priests and deacons enjoy their day off today, as they rest following the heavy demands of their ministry in Holy Week.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine come to an end,

and the violence in Haiti cease.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Risen Jesus, keep us safe,

for you are our hope.

Preserve us from danger,

for we take refuge in you

who live and reign forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025**

# Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Celebrant: My friends,

may we embrace the Lord in faith,

as did Mary of Magdala long ago.

1. That the prayers of the faithful for Pope Francis will lift his heart

in thanksgiving.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That those who are weeping at this time and are filled with grief,

may come to new hope, for Christ is indeed risen.

Christ, hear us.

1. That every Christian may, by the way they live each day,

give witness to the risen Lord, as did St Mary of Magdala.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil across the Archdiocese, may find their local communities welcoming and supportive.

Christ, hear us.

1. May a true, just and lasting peace come to the land made holy by the

life, death and resurrection on Jesus Christ.

Christ, hear us.

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1. May today’s Earth Day renew our appreciation for this gifts of our planet with its richness of diversity and remind us of our responsibility to care for it as our common home.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Risen Jesus, you who teach us justice and right,

may we always hope in your love,

for you are Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

Celebrant: We pray that we may deepen our appreciation

of the ways in which Christ is present to us

in his sacrifice and sacrament.

1. May Pope Francis grow from strength to strength during these weeks of convalescence.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May we recognize Christ present in this community

at this very moment, because we have gathered in his Name.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Christ, who has just spoken with us in the Holy Scriptures,

lead us to reverence him present in the unique way in the Consecrated Bread and Wine,

Christ, hear us.

1. May we reverence Jesus, who chooses to act through the person

of his priests in the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those, across the Archdiocese, who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, continue to grow and rejoice in their Christian faith.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the prayers of people of goodwill offered for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and in other places of conflict, pierce the skies and ascend to the Throne of God’s presence.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Loving Jesus,

we seek your face, so full of love,

so that in all our days

we will appreciate your presence with us,

you who live and reign forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 24th April 2025**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

. Celebrant: Sisters and brothers

as the disciples of Emmaus recognized Jesus

at the breaking of the Bread,

so may we, through eyes of faith, see him here with us.

1. We pray for the health of Pope Francis, that physically, emotionally and

spiritually he will grow through God’s grace.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for those who at the Easter Vigil received the Eucharist for the

first time in our Catholic Church, that this Sacrament may become increasingly for them the source and summit of their Christian life.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for all who believe in the Risen Jesus,

that their faith in him, and their commitment to charity,

may grow stronger this week of the resurrection..

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land,

that Muslim, Christian and Jewish people may be able to respect each other and come to a place of peace, ending all violence.

Christ, hear us.

5 We pray on this International Day of Diplomacy for Peace that leaders will follow this path and turn away from violence, war, weapons and destruction. Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for all candidates in our coming federal election that they will

be committed to truth and have in mind the welfare of all people.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, as you greeted your disciples with peace on the day of your resurrection, may that same gift become a blessing for all humanity at this time, you who live and reign for ever and ever.

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**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 25th April 2025**

**(Anzac Day) Friday within the Octave of Easter**

**Australia and New Zealand: Mass is of the Friday within the Octave of Easter and NOT of Anzac Day**

Celebrant: Dear friends, as we continue to celebrate this great week of the Resurrection, this year our Anzac Day falls within it,

and so we pray with fervour for peace everywhere

1. That the sacrifice of those who died for our freedom may be caught up in the eternal sacrifice of Jesus who overcame death and was resurrected into the Father’s glory.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That peace, so courageously and bitterly fought for, will be the Risen Jesus’ gift this Easter wherever war, terrorism, and violence is destroying lives, so that there is one Peace, one Freedom, one Harmony in Christ. Christ, hear us.
2. That in this Eucharist we may feel close to the Risen Christ, so that we see the futility of war and the nobility of peace, worthy of those who sacrificed life for our country. Christ, hear us.
3. That those who are in prison for their Christian faith, or held as hostages or prisoners of war, may unite themselves with Peter and John, who, while under arrest, continued to be filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit and come to freedom.

Christ, hear us.

1. That our approaching Australian Federal Elections will be carried out in a spirit of fairness, truth, thoughtfulness and charity.

Christ, hear us.

1. That all who have died in the defense of our nation, and all victims of war, will receive the eternal life of the Risen Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father of light, we give thanks to you,

for your love is without end. Grant salvation to the world.

Through Christ our Lord

**Outside of Australia and New Zealand**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 25th April 2025**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends, the homely image of the risen Jesus cooking breakfast for his disciples is a sign of his presence with us now, offering us the hospitality of his Holy Table.

1. That the blessings of Easter will be poured out abundantly upon Pope Francis and all who care for him at the Vatican.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That in this Eucharist we may feel close to the Risen Christ, and through him appreciate that we are all brothers and sisters together.

Christ, hear us.

1. That throughout the world, from the rising of the sun to its setting,

this offering of thanksgiving may give glory to God.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who are in prison for their Christian faith, may unite themselves with Peter and John, who, while under arrest, continued to be filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. That our prayer for peace in the land of Jesus’ resurrection not faulter,

but be a continuous pleading with our God of mercies.

Christ, hear us.

1. That all who exercised various ministries during our parish Holy Week and Easter liturgies will receive abundant blessings from God during this Week of the Resurrection.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father of light, we give thanks to you,

for your love is without end. Grant salvation to the world.

Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 26th April 2025**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

Celebrant: We pray that the Good News of the Risen Christ

may be proclaimed to all the nations.

1. May the presence of so many adolescences celebrating the Jubilee in Rome this weekend lift the spirits of Pope Francis with great hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May there be great joy among the adolescence celebrating their Jubilee so that this faith is strengthened, the hope secure and the charity outstanding.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who doubt the word of God and that of honest people

learn from the disciples, who first doubted the witness which Mary of Magdala gave to Christ’s resurrection.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are obstinate, and refuse to believe in Christ,

receive the Holy Spirit who will lead them to Christ’s truth.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who pass on the story and word of Jesus to others, especially parents, bishops, priests, deacons, teachers and catechists, pastoral workers and chaplains, do so with the enthusiasm of the apostles Peter and John.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Bishop Francis Murphy, first bishop of Adelaide, who died on this day in 1858, rest in the peace of Christ after his extraordinary labours of laying the foundations of our Archdiocese.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Loving Father, through the raising of your Son, Jesus,

from the dead, you have given us the pledge of eternal life.

May we live this present life with our eyes fixed on the heavenly city, Jerusalem.

Through Christ our Lord.