

Focus on Today's News

Jesus' Resurrection - The Testimony

The disciples were the first to believe in the resurrection and they shared their testimony to anyone who would listen. Their testimony and conviction was tested through persecution by the government and through great suffering from people diametrically opposed to them. Paul gives account of this in 2 Corinthians 11:24-27:

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

Paul was later beheaded and with the exception of John, every one of the disciples were put to death for what they believed and proclaimed. Many of these deaths were excruciating and merciless.

The disciples believed in the resurrection of Jesus and that truth propelled them to survive great suffering and to endure persecution without any hope of an earthly reward.

Each disciple could have escaped torture and death by simply denouncing the Resurrection of Christ. However, not one of the disciples renounced the faith.

The resurrection of Jesus is the centrepiece of Christianity. Today, we join with the disciples and proclaim our testimony – Jesus is alive!

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Today

Next Sunday

9:00am Communion in the chapel

9:30am Easter on the Lawn
Stephen Cathcart
'The Resurrection'

10:30am Easter Celebration

12:30pm Korean Easter event

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Richard Oakes
'You'

9:30am SoulCare
Stephen Cathcart
'Aids'

9:30am Praise and Communion
Richard Oakes
'The Resurrection'

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Richard Oakes
'You Cant Keep a
Good Man Down'

MOWING ROSTER

18th April 2009

Tom Bain

Prayer Hotline

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with the greatest respect.

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am**.

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office@northturramurrachurch.org.au

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Pentecost 09

Pentecost 09 will be a church wide campaign of studies for 8 weeks beginning Sunday 3rd May. The campaign will lead us from Easter into the church season that has commonly been called *Pentecost* or *Whitsunday*. The 8-week campaign will involve messages on a Sunday and then home group material for all of us to study. We trust that you will give thought to what group you can join. On Sunday 26th April and 3rd May there will be an opportunity to sign up for this impacting campaign.

Flatmate Wanted – North Shore area - Willoughby

Looking for a female flatmate to share 2 bedroom apartment in Willoughby. Own bedroom. Share with only 1 female. Close to transport and shopping centre. 2 minutes walk to bus stop, 15 minutes express bus 272 to Wynyard at peak hours. One bus ride to Chatswood station. Suitable for an easy-going, friendly professional, non smoker, no pets. Rent is \$185 pw. Room is available from 1st of May. Long term stay. Please contact **Karen** on **0422087578**. Thanks!

Church Veranda

On the upstairs church veranda we are in need of a sun umbrella and an umbrella stand. If you have these items gathering dust at home we would be very happy to utilise them so that small groups can meet on the veranda.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Pray for the community counselling service that is open Tuesday and Wednesday 11am-2pm and Monday evenings at 7:30-9:30pm.
- Pray for the Phillips family as they celebrate Easter in Jinghong. Pray for the Jagelmans as they plan to come back to Australia in 2010
- Pray for the right people to come the DivorceCare course on Thursday mornings
- Pray for the *Pentecost 09* series of messages and home group studies. Pray that people will be comfortable to join a home group for the 8 weeks of the church wide campaign.
- Pray for the children's ministry team as they prepare for term 2. Pray that they will be revitalised during the school holidays
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi as they prepare their forms for Australian residency

One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...

This week please pray for:

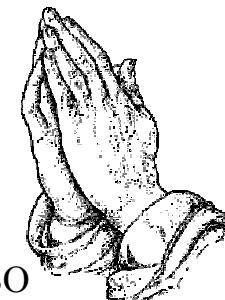
MONDAY: Spencer and Diana LAM

TUESDAY: Eileen and Katie LARBALESTIER

WEDNESDAY: Lachlan and Victoria LITTLEMORE

THURSDAY: Bek LLEWELYN

FRIDAY: Daniel, Anitra, Tyler, Dion and Shia LOMBO



Luke 24:7

“the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and than he would rise again on the third day.”