

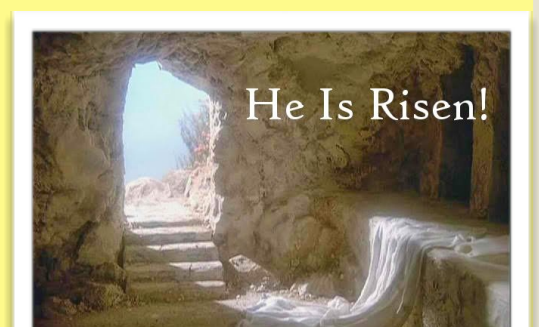
## WORD OF THE WEEK

### John 20:1-9

**Early** on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Imagine you were one of the disciples that first Easter morning...how would you have reacted to seeing the empty tomb?
- Meeting the Risen Jesus changed the disciples’ lives beyond measure...how can the resurrection make a difference to our lives today?
- If you met Jesus after he rose from the dead, what one question would you ask him?



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In the entrance foyer the Easter Candle will burn throughout the season of Easter, as a symbol of the Risen Christ. Remember that the season of Lent was 40 days long...but the season of Easter lasts for 50 days! Our reflection this week is a poem about the Easter Candle...

### The Paschal Candle

Burns brightly in the darkness  
Light conquers darkness  
Death is banished forever.

### The Christ Candle

A symbol of the Risen Lord  
The victory of life over death  
Heaven over the grave.

### The Easter Candle

The Alpha and the Omega  
The beginning and the end  
The omnipotence of God.

### The White Candle

Christ, yesterday and today  
The Light of the world  
Forever present amidst His own.

### The Tall Candle

A pillar of strength day and night  
All time belongs to Him  
All ages under His power and rule.

### The Cross-bearing Candle

Five grains of incense ingrained on it  
The five wounds of our Lord  
The sacrifice once and for all.

### The Vigil Candle

A celebration of the first Easter  
To the one who merits  
All praise and glory in every age to come.

DEFEATED DEATH  
**HE IS RISEN!**  
FORGAVE OUR SIN

## SOMETHING TO DO

Watch the video reflection: Love Chooses You by David Wells

<https://youtu.be/V5Tdb-9lroI>

We are an Easter people, and "Alleluia" is our song...share the word "ALLELUIA!" on social media, or send a message to somebody you haven't spoken to for a while!

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

This week is EASTER WEEK...a whole week of Easter celebration! Do something each day to celebrate!

On THURSDAY we celebrate the life and spirituality of St Bernadette of Lourdes, in special extended assemblies for all in BERNADETTE forms.

Join us on FRIDAY in the Junior Dining Room at 8:30am for BREAKFAST WITH GOD! All very welcome!

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Abba God, risen Jesus, Holy Spirit,  
you conquered sin and defeated death.

Fill us with Easter joy  
and greater love for one another.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

