

Easter 2011

A Message from Bishop Michael McKenna

The death of Jesus hit his disciples hard. They had lost someone they loved. And the hopes they'd placed in him seemed dead too. Many could not have expressed clearly just what those hopes were, but they believed that somehow Jesus was leading them to a better life than the one they had.

Then came the news that he had risen from the dead. At first, the reports seemed too good to be true, but as more and more disciples met him they all began to understand. The better life that Jesus had promised was his own: a life stronger than death.

The risen Lord began to share his life with you and me in Baptism. As we remember our Baptism, let us say yes again to this gift. If we do, we discover that it is not a gift we can keep to ourselves. To become a Christian is to become a witness to others of the love and life of Christ within us.

As I send these Easter greetings to every parish and Eucharistic community in the Diocese of Bathurst, I ask you to renew your willingness to share the good news with your neighbours: and to be ready to explore practical ways to do it.

Christ is risen! Forgiveness and new life can be found in him! Alleluia!

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