

## **EASTER MESSAGE 2021**

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### **Easter Hope in Uncertain Times**

This time last year all the Churches of the Archdiocese were closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Now, thanks be to God, the Churches are all open, albeit with Covid protocols activated.

The situation now in Greater Brisbane indicates that we continue to live in a state of uncertainty. Covid lockdowns can happen at a moment's notice. Thankfully our own part of Australia has been largely free from such uncertainties for many months. That is not the case overseas. Many of us are truly concerned for friends and relatives still in overseas lockdowns after many months.

Yet in the midst of such isolation, uncertainty and employment insecurity, we celebrate the hope of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

More so than ever, Easter joy offers us a deep hope and inner security to know that Jesus is with us in all our fragilities. God's closeness to us is once again celebrated in our parish Masses and gatherings at Easter.

The Risen Lord is our peace and the anchor of our lives. Over Easter, with even greater fervour, we reach out in closeness to others in our families and community who feel vulnerable and alone in this continuing strange time.

To the entire world we join in the joyful Easter chorus of the ages and praise God in hope by saying:

**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Happy and Holy Easter to all!