

## **Bishop's Easter Message**

*"A people walking in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)*

Few now would remember living (and dying) during a World War. I was born three years after the end of the Second War. Yet it was very real and raw to my parents and to their generation.

So here we are now. Though we are a long way from the Ukraine and Russia, as was Australia at the beginning of both World Wars, modern media and technologies bring conflicts very near. Truly horrible scenes from *The Front* come right into our homes with each night's news.

At the beginning of both World Wars I and II there were some Church leaders and public figures who declared that the War might not be such a bad thing.

It might lead to Nation-making, *man*-making and even *soul*-making. Such false hopes did not last long when confronted with the brutality and dehumanising of actual War.

So where and how are we now?

I write this some weeks before Easter Day. So much may happen, for good or ill, before you read this.

In all this uncertainty all I can offer is the certainty of our Christian faith: no matter what may happen, after Death comes Resurrection:

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2)