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## **Bishop Peter Ingham's Easter Message 2015**

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Jesus' life changed death, and his death also changed life. The Cross is a plus sign for a negative world. Jesus died with outstretched arms so we could run into them.

Jesus' rising from the dead was far beyond the disciples' expectations as well as beyond what any of us would normally expect. Yet St Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless." (1 Cor 15:14). Christianity is founded on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Do we ever think of the Resurrection being modelled in our own lives? We all know people who have risen above hardship, serious illness, tragedy or grief. Easter calls us also to recognise resurrection in our own lives after we have shared the Cross with Jesus through the testing times of our lives.

Every Good Friday has its Easter Sunday, so the stumbling blocks you and I face in life can also be stepping stones to new hope and meaning.

May the hope the Risen Lord Jesus brings at Easter be our encouragement.

My warm blessings and good wishes,

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD  
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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