

Easter Funny

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.



A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously, the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road.

Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see. The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

The Blackheath Branch of the CWA invites you to an **Autumn and Winter Fashion Parade** by Bailey's Ladies Fashion.

Monday, 20th April at 10.30am

Blackheath Uniting Church Hall. Cost \$8 - includes light luncheon. RSVP by Tuesday, 14 April
Wilga Mason: 4757 1332 / Pat Sherlock: 4787 5380

Branches - commencing Tuesday 12th May, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Branches is a ten week course (1 night per week) for young adults (20's & 30's) interested in exploring Christianity from a Catholic perspective. Each night will involve a dinner, followed by a talk and then breaking into small discussion groups. St Patrick's Church Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Sydney (near Circular Quay).

For more information go to www.stpatschurchhill.org/youngadults or contact Pat Kervin on 9254 9855.

Tour Turkey with Fr Wim ~ 3 to 18 Oct 2009

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, is leading a tour to Turkey with the theme of "St Paul's World" from 3 to 18 October. Itinerary includes Ephesus (Mass at Mary's House), Cappadocia, Istanbul and Gallipoli.

Details: Fr Wim, tel (02) 8839 8420 or visit

www.stpatscathedral.com.au

and click on the "Tour to Turkey" link.

A deposit is due by 15 April.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Sydney hands WYD Cross and Icon over to Spanish hosts for 2011
- Win tickets to see 'The Priests' live in concert
- Catholic reason - for our Easter season
- Caught in the crossfire of parental desires - Making sense out of bioethics
- Mary Glowrey: Another Australian saint in the making
- Beatification of John Paul II may be only a year away
- Parenting: Raise children to take self-control
- Easter bonanza - win \$2000 for your parish plus \$1000 for yourself

Let Heaven Rejoice

(Composer: Bob Dufford, S.J.)

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Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad.
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim
through every land.
Hosanna to our King!

Sound the trumpet into the night;
the day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour, shake off your sleep;
put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see the
glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
he will come again.

Psalm: This day was made by the Lord

(Composer: Christopher Walker.)

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This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation.

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

Your hand raised me up in triumph,
you have given me life,
you have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

The stone which the builders
rejected is the cornerstone,
is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

Water of Life

(Composer: David Haas)

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Water of Life, Jesus our Light, journey from death to new life.

Fountain of light, new sight for the blind.
We come to the water, we come now to see.

Fountain of compassion, freedom from fear.
We come to the water, we come to find peace.

Fountain of mercy, bind all our wounds.
We come to the water, we come to be healed.

Fountain of our future, seek out our pain.
We come to the water, we come to be whole.

Fountain of new life, seek out our thirst.
We come to the water, we come now to live.

Fountain of mission, calling our name.
We come to water, we come now to serve.



Hymn for the Preparation of the Gifts: **Yours be the Glory**

(Music: George Handel/Words: Colin Smith cfc)

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Yours be the glory, Risen conquering Son.
Endless is the victory, You o'er death have won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay.

Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord's now living, death has lost its sting.

Communion Hymn: **Easter Expressions**

(Composer: Kevin Bates)

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Hear the sounds of death turn inside out. Hear dark days carry hope.
Hear the song of new creation, Hear the Easter people dance about.

Praise to our God who raised up Jesus,
Praise to our God who raised up His world.
Praise to our God whose gift is faithful, Jesus, hope of all the world.

Him, for whom the prophets waited in a stable born,
Tells a message most surprising, love will be my Spirit's only law.
And love will make you poor in spirit, full of mercy, hearts becoming free.
Joy you'll bring to broken moments, suffer gladly on my tree.

Love will be the bond that holds you, love will let you run.
Love's my Spirit of surprises, the hope of Easter in your hearts begun.

Communion Hymn: **The Light of Christ**

(Composer: Donald Fishel)

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The light of Christ has come into the world. (repeat)

We must all be born again to see the Kingdom of God.
The water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son out of love for the world,
so that all who believe in Him will live forever.

The light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation;
from the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn: **Lord of the Dance**

(Composer: Sydney Carter)

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.

Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down but I leapt up high, I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

"He saw and he believed."

We have just passed through the saddest week of the year, which is also the greatest expression of love the world has ever seen. We now rejoice at an empty tomb. How do we believe such a thing after the battered body of Jesus has been removed from the tree and laid in his mother's arms?

I was touched by the cloth 'rolled up by itself'. It reminded me of how Hebrew carpenters used to put their towel aside in a place by itself to show their work was finished. Did Peter and the beloved disciple recognise this sign from Jesus, saying his commission from the Father was done and now the task fell to his followers?

Our joy at the Resurrection carries a challenge to continue to bring this dream of God into the twenty-first century. This dream the angels sang of at Jesus' birth - peace on earth and good will towards all. (from Daily Prayer online)

