

# ANZAC DAY 25 April 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter

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*PASTORAL NOTE: Although today is ANZAC DAY, a Sunday in Easter takes precedence over this commemoration. The Easter prayers and readings will provide suitable texts for remembering the fallen, and Anzac themes can find expression in the music, homily, intercessions, and church decorations.*

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### Fourth Sunday of Easter (ANZAC DAY)

Reflection by Liam Ryan

#### Introduction

The Easter journey has an added dynamic this year with the Fourth Sunday of Easter coinciding with Anzac Day; the day that marks the landing of Australian soldiers at Gallipoli, on the shores of what is now Anzac Cove, in Turkey on the 25th of April 1915. The liturgical norms of the Sunday take precedence yet there is a striking opportunity for both aspects of the day to be interwoven. The Collect implores that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. The notions of bravery and laying down one's life are at the heart of both Jesus' words in the gospel and the commemorative activities that take place on Anzac Day. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus is an event that is unparalleled in human history, however, it constantly renews and reinvigorates the events of our own times.

#### Universal Prayer Petition

[4th Petition from PASTORAL LITURGY]

We pray for the leaders of our country that they respect the lives lost in war and work always towards peace and justice. May the work of the ANZACS always be respected in this country.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us OR We pray to the Lord.