

## Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney 2020 Easter Message

I was asked by a television reporter recently whether COVID-19 is the virus that killed Easter.

My answer was a resounding no!

Like you, I am astounded by what I am seeing as each day passes. We have never experienced a crisis quite like this before.

We have so many fears – unemployment, loneliness, the safety of our loved ones. Of course, the greatest fear of all from this virus is the fear of death. But the message of Easter is that death has been conquered.

There is hope because God sent Jesus into our world. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

This does not mean that we will not be touched by sickness or the coronavirus – but Jesus wants us to know that there is life beyond.

So - in the quietness of your isolation – speak to him. In the depths of your heart – pray that he will comfort you. And when your fears arise – remember that in Jesus there is life.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Dr Glenn N Davies Archbishop of Sydney Easter 2020