



Sunday 18th April 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

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Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th & 25th April

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: *Loyola & C. Ledda*

Reader: *Loyola*

ST THOMAS Vigil 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: T. Holland, W. Watson, M. Sturmar

Special Minister 10.30am: R. Rendina, A. Kerr, M. Tipping

6.00pm: Reader: J. Bohan

Commentator: S. McMahon

Set Up: M. McKenzie

10.30am Reader: *Loyola*

Commentator: M. Bates

Set Up: C. & B. Riordan

Counters: T. Quinlan, B. Murray

Cleaners: B. Guldon, G. Kilkenny (15th May)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our websites.

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETERS'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Martin Leonard, Rose Hegarty, Nicole Bisticic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bisticic, Joan Moran, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Kathleen Jordan, Margaret Holland

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April

that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Jane Coyle

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS:

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM: These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people.



If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: It is time again to update those who we have been praying for within our Parishes. If you wish to have anyone added to the prayer list could you please notify Pat **9401 6361** or Lisa **9434 7373** or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: There is now a small quantity of Low Gluten hosts available at our Masses. If you approach the Priest and let him know that you would like to receive the Low Gluten host.

WEEKEND MASS SUNDAY 25TH APRIL:

A reminder to Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St Thomas are hosting Loyola Houses Masses at the 9.00am & 10.30am Masses. To avoid disappointment could you please book in for Mass via Trybooking or ring Pat or Lisa in the Offices.

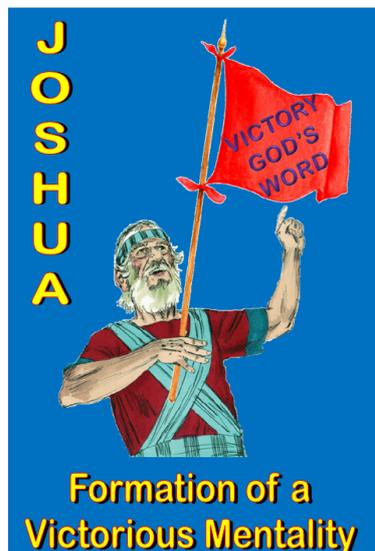


Enquire Now!

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people.
Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.
Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022.



COVID STORIES: Our e-book There is a group which has taken responsibility for editing and formatting the e-book. The group notes that there is some minor editing required, to correct misspelling and typos. If you have submitted a contribution for the e-book and would like to be consulted about any such edits, please contact your parish office.



Zoom **JOSHUA** at home

When we look at the world today we can see many things to give us cause for worry and fear. This reality can lead to a loss of hope and a defeatist mentality. Now more than ever we need the mentality of Joshua, the mentality of Victory.

Come with Joshua on this incredible journey into the Promised Land. Travel with Joshua and apply the principles he learned in your own life. Let the Lord lead you into your own "Promised Land."

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9

7 Wednesdays 7.30-9.00 pm, 21 April - 2 June

book before 20 April

at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNQE>

\$5 booking fee

Overseas participants use promo code: OVASEA

LECTIONARY ART AND REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE

The disciples are 'terrified' when they see Jesus after his resurrection; but Jesus puts them at their ease by sharing a meal. It is only then that the disciples are ready to listen and to open their minds to the wisdom that Jesus has to offer.



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EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,
The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.
The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

PARTNERED PARISHES UMBRELLA PASTORAL COUNCIL

HISTORY LINE

Late in 2019 a session was held at Sacred Heart Parish, and one at St. Thomas' Parish that led us to explore our backgrounds and the characteristics of our parishes. Arising out of the Plenary Listening and Discernment Sessions, there has been an expressed desire by several parishioners to form Parish Pastoral Councils. The next step towards forming Pastoral Councils, is to undergo a process called The History Line in which we clarify our parishes' strengths and vulnerabilities, by reflecting on particular points in our parishes' histories. These sessions will be facilitated by Jacinta Bright,

We have settled on two dates:

- ◆ *The Sacred Heart Parishioners will meet on Tuesday the 27th of April, in the parish office, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.*
- ◆ *St Thomas parishioners will meet on Tuesday 4th of May, in the parish meeting room, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.*

It would be important to have at these sessions older parishioners who have a knowledge of the history of the parish as well as those who have come in more recent years. Out of this there may be some who would want to go further and become members of newly formed Parish Pastoral Councils.

Invitation

All Welcome

You are invited to join with new, old and prospective parishioners to the
Sacred Heart History Line event.

Let us share who we are, what we have been through and where we are going and
build community.

Tuesday 27th April

7.00pm-9.00pm

Sacred Heart Parish Centre

25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek

Supper provided

RSVP: Sr Margaret Sapsford

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PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE
LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS
FOR HIM. EVERY VALLEY WILL
BE FILLED, EVERY MOUNTAIN
MADE LOW. ROADS WILL
BECOME STRAIGHT, ROUGH
WAYS SMOOTH. AND ALL
WILL SEE GOD'S SALVATION.

Luke 3:4-6

Past...Present...Future....

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.
or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

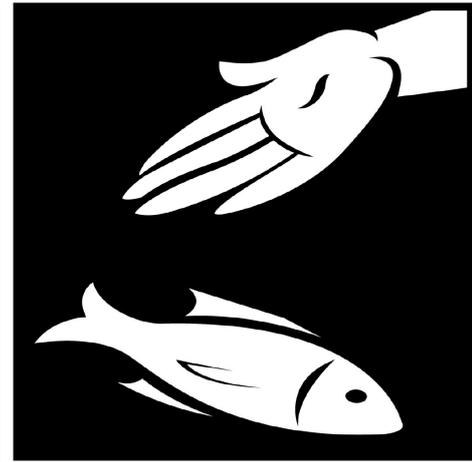
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.