



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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

18 April 2021

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!

Congratulations

Fr Arockia Sebastian
15 years ordained a Priest
Friday 16th April 2021
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gina Infantino

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco & Celeste Albano, Vincenzo Pierorazio, Antonio Ravida, Rosa Ravida, Giuseppina Ravida, Maria Ravida, Enza Ravida

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 18 April 2021 at 12 Noon

Leo Grneski

Charlotte McDermott

Lily Rahill

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassions boxes or envelopes as soon as possible.

REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 24/25 April, open Monday morning, 19th April at 9.30am and close Saturday 24th April at 3.00pm. The link to book is:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BQMTU>

ST PETER'S PARISH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST KEILOR

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

SUNDAY, 2ND MAY

Golden Jubilee Mass at 10.30am

Principal Celebrant:
Archbishop Peter Comensoli
followed at 11.40am by

Refreshments and a School Dance
Performance and Disco

St Peter's Parish and Primary School will recognise our 50 Year Anniversary jointly on Sunday, 2nd May, when Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate our Jubilee Mass at 10.30am. Following the Mass, we will gather for refreshments and then be entertained by St Peter's school students, who will be performing a 'Harmony Dance'.

Registering to attend is essential (School families to RSVP through the School). There are sign-up sheets in the narthex to add your name and contact details or, please Register online by going directly to the following online booking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BQPSW>

Bookings open Sunday, 18th April at 7.00pm and close on Sunday, 25th April at 7.00pm. If you have included your name on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Church, please do not register again online. If you are staying after the Mass for refreshments and entertainment, please do a separate booking at the correct session time.
10.30am-11.30am Mass only
11.40am-1.30pm Refreshments and Entertainment.

We need to know exact numbers for capacity and catering reasons.

Please invite your families and former St Peter's parishioners who have moved away over the years. They are most welcome to join us.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 1st/2nd May

Other than at 10.30am Sunday, there will not be any other Masses celebrated in the Parish on the weekend of 1/2 May - NO 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 8.30am or 5.00pm Sunday Masses).

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

According to the tradition of the Catholic Church, all the houses of the believers are sprinkled with the blood of the lamb (the newly Blessed Holy water) as a sign that we are resurrected with Christ. This is done from Easter to the Feast of Pentecost. If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the parish office.

ANZAC DAY - 25TH APRIL

Next Sunday is Anzac Day. We welcome all ex-servicemen and women to join with us in praying for all the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH CONCLUSION

New Date: Thursday, 29th April at 7.00pm

PARISH MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERING AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Expressions of interest are invited to join our Parish Ministry team. We need more Readers of God's Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Mass Helpers and Mass Greeters/Attendance Markers. Training will be provided. Please fill in a Contact & Preference Form. These can be found in the narthex or we can send you one. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions on Parish Ministry or how you can go about volunteering at the Parish. All St Peter's Parish volunteers require a current Working with Children Check, and depending on the Ministry performed, a Police Check may also be required. Please call the Parish Office Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday for further information or if you require assistance with filling in your application.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 commences Monday, 19th April

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.