



must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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# PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A

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## First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing  
can shake me.

So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11**

*(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is yourself who are my prize.' *(R.)*

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## 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 24:13-35

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Clara Inserra, Rev. Bob Maguire

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe D'Agostino(1 month), Anna Tsonidis(1 month), Vincenzo D'Agostino, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Michele Cornacchia, Cesidio Danese, Frank Bell'Almo, Brother Bruce Nabbs

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information.

**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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Envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the Parish Office.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

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

**'THANK YOU' DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION** – Thank You to all who participated in or assisted in any way during the 9 day Divine Mercy Novena and the Feast Day Mass last weekend.

### PARISH NEWS

#### INVITATION TO TWO SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 – Mother's Day Dinner & Our Lady of Fatima Procession

On **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**, we will have a Parish 'Mother's Day' Roast Carvery Dinner, commencing at **6.00pm**(pre-dinner drinks) in the **Parish Centre**, followed by dinner from **6.30pm**(\$25 adults, children under 12, \$15). BYO alcohol, soft drinks supplied. We will have raffles, music, laughs! Ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to join you, or come along on your own and make new friends. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the Parish Office. **RSVP Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

On **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May**, we will have a Procession with Our Lady of Fatima statue, commencing at **5.30pm** (please arrive by 5.15pm) from St Peter's Church and returning before **6.00pm** for the Vigil Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

#### ANZAC DAY - 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April is Anzac Day. We will have Mass at 9.15am and especially welcome all ex-servicemen and women to join with us in praying for all the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us. *Lest we Forget.*

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – 25/4/23

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, due to ANZAC Day Public Holiday. Reopens Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

#### MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary will be recited on weekdays from 9.05am, before the Morning Mass, throughout the month of May. Commences Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.

**MOONEE VALLEY ALPHA** for Young Adults is launching at St Monica's Church (Symons Centre) on Sunday nights from the 23rd of April 2023! So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>. For enquiries, please contact Adam 0469583228 or [mooneevalleyalpha@gmail.com](mailto:mooneevalleyalpha@gmail.com)

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

– **30 APRIL** Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

##### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**Term 2** commences Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*