



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 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.

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

14 April 2024

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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Berenice Cesile

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosa Dang Phuc, Matisse Guarino, Victor Acciutto

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco & Celeste Albano, Maria Vella, Isaac Rodrigues, Khalid Kammaradin, Jack Cutayar, Nina Cutayar, Bernardo Quattrucci, Sante Quattrucci, Giancarlo Quattrucci, Fiore Augusto, Fiore Gateano, Sam Ratnatunga

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 contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st April 2024

Sophia Usai

Lily Azzato

Sebastian Kalabrezos

Please pray for these children and their families.

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'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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: ST PETER'S YEAR 6 STUDENTS – 19TH APRIL 2024 Next Friday, 19th April at 5.30pm and 7.30pm, students from St Peter's Primary School will be Confirmed by Bishop Terry Curtin. Bishop Terry will also be visiting the Confirmation candidates this Wednesday at the School. Please pray for these children as they continue their faith journey, together with their sponsors, teachers and families.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) – 21ST APRIL (Fourth Sunday of Easter) 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.

A Prayer Request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God,
who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations,
and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church,
we implore You to choose from among us,
your children, many priests and religious
who will love You with their whole hearts
and will gladly spend their lives to make You
better known and loved by all.
Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

ANZAC DAY - 25TH APRIL

Thursday, 25th 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. *Last we Forget.*

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10.00am until approximately 1.30pm. **New members are welcome.** Come for a friendly cuppa and chat, bingo and occasional outings. BYO lunch.

HEART OF LIFE – CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION: Meditation and Mindfulness

Join Rowland Ashby, author of *A Faith to Live By*: Conversations about faith with twenty-five of the world's leading spiritual teachers (Anglican Media/Mosaic Press 2012) and former Director of Anglican Media Melbourne and editor of *The Melbourne Anglican* as he leads this special meditation series at Heart of Life in Croydon this Autumn. This practice can be profoundly healing and life-giving. Starting on 15 April and running for 8 weeks, you can tap into a deep spring of love, joy, peace and compassion at the centre of our being. Jesus called it Living Water, with which we will never thirst. Cultivate a transforming, healing awareness of the Divine presence, and learn how to mediate. Book in using this link: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/meditation-mindfulness-in-the-christian-tradition/>

COASIT AGED CARE are currently looking for male Italian speaking volunteers in our area to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so. Currently CoAsIt has around 200+ wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time to visit elderly people in the community each week to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda Francione (Regional Co-Ordinator) by phone or email for more information on 0432 422 332 Lfrancione@coasit.com.au

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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, 15th April.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 25th April

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