

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*It is 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.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*You 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.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

(or 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

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24: 32

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



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## OUR CHURCHES

**Kilmore:** St Patrick's Church, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore Vic 3764  
**Broadford:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford Vic 3658  
**Wallan:** Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756  
**Wandong:** St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm  
**Sunday:** Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am  
**Weekday Masses:** Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)  
**Reconciliation:** Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Adoration:** Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Rosary:** Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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## ROSTERS:

	<u>13/14 Apr</u>	<u>20/21 Apr</u>
<b><u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>20 Apr</b>
Reader	Chris Stokes	Daniel Mercovich
Eucharist Minister	Brian O'Dwyer	Amy Leahy
<b><u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>20 Apr</b>
Reader	Assumption College	Marita Dumaresq
Eucharist Minister	Marg Fleischmann	Sr. Anne
PowerPoint	Ben Boyd	Pauline Duff
<b><u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>21 Apr</b>
Reader	John Dixon	John O'Callaghan
Eucharist Minister	Marg Chatfield	John Dixon
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<b><u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>21 Apr</b>
Reader	Tanya Sullivan	Peter Santamaria
Eucharist Minister	Terry Cooney	Patrick Hutchinson
PowerPoint	Annette Moore	Marie Hoban
<b><u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>21 Apr</b>
Reader	Anita Mathew	Nadeesha Mendis
Eucharist Minister	Ian Pirie	Kath Pirie
PowerPoint	Sandra McCaughey	Ian Pirie
<b><u>FLOWERS:</u></b>	Carry Eid	Elisa Ferraresi
<b><u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u></b>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<b><u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u></b>	TBA	Lynne Beaumont
		Carry Eid

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster & all the sick of the parish.

### Anniversaries:

Maureen Sharp, Jessie Doreen Lawrence, Peter Searby, Clare Jones, Mary Buick, Alan Aitchison, Margaret Allan, Eileen Mary Leahy, Peter Duff, Dante (Danny) D'Elia and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

**Recently Deceased:** Glen Xavier Dale & Carolyn Laffan.

**Sick List updates:** *If anyone is to be removed from the sick list and is now enjoying good health, please let the parish office know. Thanks*



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## Message from St Patrick's Primary School

As a committed member of the St Patrick's Parish and now Deputy Principal of St Patrick's Primary School I am committed to enhance Catholic Identity and faith amongst our young people and their families and to embed and weave this through all we do within the school community with the beautiful lens of the Marist Way. As a new staff member, it has been a privilege to walk alongside people on the journey of Marist Education. As I pass through the corridors, enter classrooms and stroll among the grounds, it has been inspiring to see how the St Patrick's community represent The Five Pillars of Marist each and everyday.

Fundamentally, the goal of Marist Education is to help young people understand Jesus' love and to emulate Mary, his mother, by following her example of humility and selfless concern for the well-being of others.

As I am immersed in the The Five Pillars of Marist Education my heart is drawn to a beautiful way of explaining the meaning of our faith.

### **The Five Pillars of Marist Education**

**Presence** - involvement in young people's life, seeking out chances and means of being physically present for them. At St Patrick's, I see learning and teaching through personalised and sustaining partnerships between students, staff and families. Teachers have an impact on children's entire being. Entering their world and aiming to differentiate for all.

**Simplicity** - a key gospel principle and distinctive Marist attribute. St Marcellin insisted on simplicity that would guarantee openness, honesty, authentic relationships and ease in communication. St Patrick's staff endeavor to model the goodness in the world and support students to see that their abilities and personal strengths are what is needed in the world, not material things or possessions they accumulate.

**Family Spirit** - love for children: St. Marcellin's Golden Rule states, "To educate children first you must love them, and love them equally." St Patrick's staff genuinely treat students with the same consideration as their own children. They build friendly, positive connections with every member of the school community, prompting a feeling of inclusion; a space for everybody to feel welcome.

**A Love of Our Work** - generosity of spirit and gentle deeds, mastering of the teaching craft. St Patrick's staff have a zealous pursuit of being receptive to new ideas and have high standards for student performance. They respect everyone who works in the school and their efforts.

**In the Way of Mary** - Mary embodies all that makes a Marist educator ideal. St Patrick's staff are receptive to God's will and actions, just like Mary was during the Annunciation. Leaving the house to proclaim the Good News, just like Mary did in the Visitation and creating community and planting seeds of hope, just like Mary at Pentecost.

At St Patrick's, it is clear to me that we live out this Christian spirituality in a distinctive way that makes us unique and a gift to the Kilmore community.

**Mrs. Justine Sapiano - St Patrick's Primary School, Deputy Principal**



Thank you to all who came along to participate in Divine Mercy Sunday service and Mass. We raised a total of \$266.60 in donations.

**Please Note:** The 10th edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

**Wallan Children's Choir:** Choir practice will start in second term (22<sup>nd</sup> of April) at 5.30pm at Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan. If any new members would like to join the children's choir please ring Bernadette on 0411353600.

### Fr Arnold's Organisation LinCoN

Links & Consolidation Network (LinCoN) assists Pakistani Christian Asylum Seekers whose lives were threatened by militant Muslims and who fled with their families to Thailand, Malaysia, etc, to gain asylum in a welcoming country. "The Updater" is LinCoN's newsletter. Have a read and email us your feedback at [newsletter@linconproject.org](mailto:newsletter@linconproject.org)

**Fr Arnold Heredia**

### Broadford Uniting Church

Guest Speaker—Dianne Colbert

**'FORGIVENESS AND HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR AND ANXIETY'**

Saturday 20th April 2pm—3.30pm, followed by afternoon tea.

Uniting Church, High Street Broadford.

### Pray the World Mission Rosary

Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May at 2pm, and invite friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280, Password: 876574



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