

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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS

Starting next month tea & coffee will be available in the Narthex after each Mass (6.00 pm, 8.30 am & 10.30 am) on the 2nd Sunday of the month. As we celebrate Mother's Day on the weekend of 13th & 14th May it is an opportunity to stay for awhile and share with one another. This will coincide with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.30 am Mass held on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

If you would like to assist in helping to serve tea/coffee after any of the Masses please contact the Parish Administration Office 9412 8460 or send an email to strathmore@cam.org.au.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

All singles both young and adult singles are welcome to a singles conference "Loving and Loved" Dynamic speakers & small groups will be divided into age groups. It will be held at St Leonard's, Glen Waverley 6th- 7th May. This is a great opportunity to meet other singles in a faith environment, Early bird prices by 26 April. For more information visit trybooking.com/OXYR or email geraldine343@gmail.com or call Geraldine on 0413 398 528

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day) at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 5 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Prayer

Loving God, through St Vincent de Paul, we seek your guidance and constant protection, for our parish community.

Gathered together as your people, we come as we are, to live out the Gospel message, in a faithfilled, welcoming and caring community.

Grant us your help in our weakness, that we may proclaim to all, your abundant goodness.

We praise and thank you for your gifts given freely, to share with one another.

May we never lose faith in you and always strive to live, in a spirit of strength and gentleness.

On our journey, may we be an example of your love, to those we meet.

Loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may you always watch over us in all we do. Amen



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Sunday Mass: **Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm **Sunday Morning:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Saturday 10.00 am

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Saturday 9.00 am or by request

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism will be celebrated only by appointment and after a preparation evening, arranged through the Parish Office.

First Sunday of the Month: During our weekend Masses

Second Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Third Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Marriage: By appointment with at least six months notice.

*A community celebrating Christ in life by striving to maintain
a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

Our Road to Emmaus

As I reflect upon the Gospel this weekend thoughts come to mind of the way I walk along the road of life not always recognising what is going on around about me for I at times may be preoccupied with my own journey or the things that are happening in my own life.

As Cleopas and his companion walked along they did not recognise Jesus. We might ask ourselves, how often do we not recognise those who are there with us? It may be: Those who are with us every day, those who reach out to us to be recognised, those who are in need of our support, those who ask us to walk thorough life with them.?

Likewise, sometime we may forget that Jesus is with us always, yet not recognising him. It was when Cleopas and friend stopped and shared a meal, when they took some time to reflect, when they allowed themselves time to stop on the journey of life that they recognised Jesus. Could it be in the 'breaking of the bread' that we encounter the closeness of Jesus and recognise he is with us always.

Take some time to reflect and ponder – Do you sometimes not recognise the presence of those who are always with you? As Jesus said: "I will never forget you".

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Laurie Mallia, Martin O'Carroll, Joseph Spinazzola

Thanksgiving: \$2490.60 **Presbytery:** \$1082.20

Rosters for next weekend 6th & 7th May:

| 6.00 pm | 8.30am | 10.30am |
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| <u>Lectors:</u> L Capparelli | K Hill | C Mathew |
| <u>Special Ministers:</u> A Mammone, L Caridi | A Henshall, R McGowan | S Sequeira, N Zanko |

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| <u>Offertory:</u> Hewitt Family | K Foletti | Lo Giudice Family |
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| <u>Counters:</u> P Hill, G Cook | <u>Transport:</u> P Fox, G Johnson, M Green |
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| <u>Flowers:</u> I Marino & A Mazza | <u>Church Cleaning:</u> Group D | <u>Linen:</u> M Sullivan |
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Next week's Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY MASSES

This Tuesday and next Tuesday Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7.30am. There will be no 10.00am Mass on these days.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Craft Group in the Parish Centre at 10.00am

Confirmation Meeting in the School Hall at 7.30pm

Thursday: Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church at 10.00am

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Athanasius

Wednesday: Sts Philip and James

FRIDAY MORNING TEA AND FILM

On Friday 12th May after the 10.00am Mass the film 'Shadowlands' will be screened in the Parish Centre. All welcome to attend and share morning tea.

ST VINCENT'S de PAUL'S SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

Parishioners are invited to attend lunch at the Essendon Club (Napier Street) on Monday 22nd May at 12 noon. Two course senior's lunch includes a main, dessert and a drink of either beer, wine or soft drink for \$15.50. Bookings by Monday 15th May to Therese Dargan 9379 5661 or Keith Foletti 9379 4920. Transport may be provided.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Thank you to all who generously donated to Project Compassion. We have forwarded so far \$2204 to assist Caritas Australia. If you still have a box at home please return it soon.

First reading Acts 2:14,22-33

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.'

Second reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

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 Luke 24:13-35

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 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. (Continued over the page)