



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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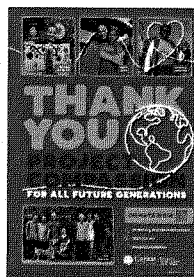
A Commissioning service for all who work in the church, eg. Readers ... will be held on Pentecost Sunday. More information in the coming weeks.

As the 25th of April is a public holiday there will be no Italian Prayer group on this day.

One bedroom unit for rent, including heating and cooling. Call Shazz on 0405 256 916

**Sausage Sizzle**—Sunday 7th May. Support our Parish of St Paul. Sausage in bread \$2.50, Drinks \$1.50, water \$1.00, tea & coffee complimentary. Raffle tickets on sale \$1.00 each, prizes 32inch TCL smart TV, 2 x \$50.00 meal vouchers (Glengala Hotel), and a hamper.

**WE PRAY FOR: For Healing:** Brian Snaize, Betty Kent, Thomas Cassidy, Betty Kent, Samantha Stanton, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Servero Nini, Anna Candy, Bernadette Borg, Thi Can Nguyen **Anniversaries:** Georgia & Anthony Vella, Sylvia & Angelo Vella, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



## Church Diary (Week beginning 23rd Apr 2023 )

**Saturday 22nd/23rd Apr Baptism: Lorenzo Martello**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Tarcisio Cutajar, + Filomena & Mary Spiteri

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + John M Vella

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Joe Gauci

+ Sam & Jason Micallef, Phillip & Carmen Fenech, + Emmanuel Fenech & Lela Zammit,

+ Rocco Lombardo & Vingenzo Pilato

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

**Monday 24th Apr**

8.00am

English Mass +

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

11.00am

Lady of Knots

7.00pm

Choir Practice

7.00pm

Mass

**Tuesday 25th Apr**

Anzac Day

8.00am

English Mass +

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

5.45pm

Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm

Mass

**Wednesday 26th Apr**

8.00am

English Mass +

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

7.00pm

Mass + Rocco Logozzo

7.30pm

Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

**Thursday 27th Apr**

8.00am

English Mass +

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

9.30am

Legion of Mary (English)

7.00pm

Mass

**Friday 28th Apr**

7.30pm

Spanish Prayer Group

8.00am

English Mass +

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm

Divine Mercy

7.00pm

Mass

**Saturday 29th/30th Apr Baptism: Elise & Victoria Lee, Dylan & Leo Thai**

**St Catherine of Sienna**

Saturday Mass 8.00am

English Mass

9.00am

Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

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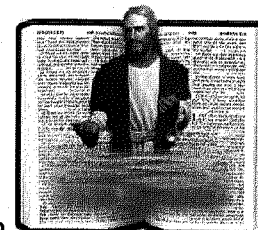
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No Italian Prayer



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.

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 the 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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

23 APRIL 2023

## CHRIST'S FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PLAN

In order to piece a jigsaw together, a great deal of patience is required, as well as the skill of being able to work out the relationship of one piece to the pieces around it. Slowly, large patterns begin to take shape, and so it was with the early Church. In the light of the experience of the Risen Lord, and the catalyst provided by the gift of the Spirit, the first generation of Christians was able to place the life, death and resurrection of Jesus into their proper context. The gift of the Spirit enabled Peter to see that all that had taken place in the life of Jesus was part of a larger plan, and took place with God's foreknowledge. Even Jesus' death was but a preliminary step towards his exaltation and ability to pour out the gift of the Spirit on those who believe.

In a similar vein, Peter saw that promises made before the world began were now fulfilled in Jesus. While the end of days was seen to have already begun, the final pieces of the jigsaw had yet to be put in place. In the meantime, the community was called to remember with gratitude the price Jesus had paid for our freedom, and to live appropriately till the Lord's return.

For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was not an easy matter to see how the pieces of the puzzle of Jesus' life fitted together. As they journeyed, they were helped by the Risen Lord to finally understand the message contained in the Scriptures and to recognise him with them in the breaking of the bread.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

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## FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

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

### R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or 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 you 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 Pet 1:17-21

### A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*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.

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## 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!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. *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