

Sunday 18th April 2021

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year B

Third Sunday of Easter Year B



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.

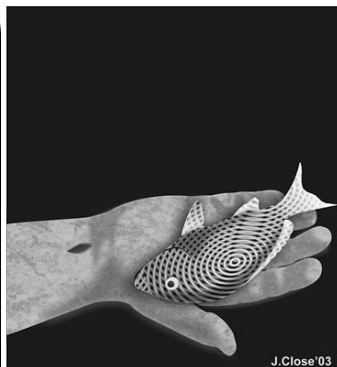
Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples 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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gospel focus

Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!



Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

APRIL: MONTH of Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit

18th St Galdinus

19th St Leo IX

20th St Agnes of Montepulciano

21st St Anselm

22nd St Caius

23rd St George

24th St Fidelis of Sigmaringen



Come pray the Rosary

*1st Saturday of the month after the
9.30am mass in St Finbar's Church*

25 th April 4 th Sunday of Easter - Year B	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Julie McInerney	Leo Cuerden	Richard Wakeham/Helen Evans
Minister	volunteer	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA
Audio Visual Operator	Teresa Myer	Cristina & Tony Dial	Teresa Myer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sick

Chris Kroll, Leslie Riley,

Bernadette Carson, Sara Little,

Simon Donaghue



Dear Parishioner,

Please only use the current 2021 Thanksgiving envelopes as some were issued new number codes and need to be entered with those new codes. The old numbers cannot be entered. Thank you for your understanding, Carmel.

Recent death

Frank Ewinger, Inez Thomas

Anniversaries

Rosemarie Conti, Patrick Fardy,

Nancy Taranto, Tony Minahan

Fr Ian's 70th birthday celebration (tea/coffee/nibbles and cake) will be held in the Marion room on Saturday evening after the 5.30pm mass on 17th April as well as after the 11.00am mass on 18th April. All welcome.

Thank you to all your very generous contributions. The total amount will be finalized and presented as the gift in the form of a cash to Fr Ian on the evening. St Finbar's Primary School is also part of the contribution.



PLEASE ADHERE TO THE 1.5M PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.