

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11
(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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 Acclamation 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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St. Monica

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A - 25 & 26 APRIL, 2020

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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. 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.



**PARISH DIARY
APRIL – MAY 2020**

25 Saturday, Anzac Day

- 9.00am private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners
- Reconciliation at St. John's by appointment
- 6.00pm private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

26 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.30am private Mass at St. Monica's—Intention: all parishioners
- 10.00am private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

27 Monday, St Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest

- 9.00am private Mass at St Monica's —Intention: all parishioners

28 Tuesday, St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

- 9.00am private Mass at St Monica's —Intention: all parishioners

29 Wednesday, St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

- 9.00am private Mass at St. Monica's—Intention: all parishioners

30 Thursday, St Pius V, pope

- 12.00pm private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners

1 Friday, St Joseph the Worker

- 9.00am private Mass at St John's—Intention: all parishioners

2 Saturday, St Athanasius, bishop, doctor

- 9.00am private Mass at St John's —Intention: all parishioners

- Reconciliation at St. John's by appointment

- 6.00pm private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.30am private Mass at St. Monica's—Intention: all parishioners
- 10.00am private Mass at St. John's—Intention: all parishioners

Dear friends,

In the past few months or so, the Coronavirus Pandemic has spread throughout the world claiming up to now, nearly 180,000 lives. This deadly disease has completely changed the world for many, many years to come. Most probably, we have all experienced separation, death, and confusion. We may have also glimpsed moments of joy, peace and love. The Emmaus story in the Gospel today can help us to make sense of our lives and, if need be, reconnect us with our loving and merciful Lord and Saviour. The risen Lord joins the two travellers and walks with them as they return from Jerusalem to their hometown, Emmaus, about 11 kilometres away, sad and dejected. They have left their community in disbelief and grief. They think that all is over with Jesus' death on the Cross. But on the road Jesus gently reawakens their faith by inviting them to share their story and by explaining to them the Scriptures concerning Himself. As night falls, the two travellers press Him to stay with them a little longer. It is only at the 'breaking of the bread' that their eyes of faith are opened and they recognise the Risen Lord! They can no longer contain their joy. In the dark of night, they rush back to Jerusalem to tell their community what had happened. "Jesus is alive!" They shouted, "We saw Him!" The Emmaus story shows the goodness of God. We need not be sad or despondent, but we can rejoice in the unpredictable events of our lives because Jesus journeys with us as He journeyed with the two disciples to Emmaus. But, the most important thing is that the Emmaus story is our story too. May we also walk with others, be present to them and listen to them. And may the Virgin Mary Mother of God who also walks with us, help us to meet Her Son Jesus especially when we listen to the Word of God and receive Him in the Eucharist, if not sacramentally, at least when we make our Spiritual Communion at Mass on TV or on-line. (Fr Guy)

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Pentecost Pilgrimage Virtual Journey—FREE

On behalf of the pilgrimage presenters and their official partners, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to join the very first virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage. Your registration would give you access to free video content. Each Wednesday and Sunday new 15– 25 minutes talks will be released onto the site, as an accompaniment to the journey of encounter. **Speakers:** Archbishop Julian Porteous (AOH), Ralph Martin (Prof. of Theology, Director of Graduate Programs in the News Evangelization) & Mary Healy (Prof. of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, International Speaker on Scripture, Evangelisation, healing and the spiritual life) and many more.

20+ free talks for over 30 countries

Dates: 26 April to 31 May 2020

To register, please visit: <https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Parishioners are requested to donate \$10 or \$15 per family each month if they can afford it. The money may be placed in an envelope marked "parish upkeep" and placed in the letterbox at the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if this could be done by the 10th of each month. This arrangement will only continue as long as the Churches are closed. Or you may wish to pay your weekly offering via Electronic Funds Transfer or Direct Debit (contact the Parish Office on 62726363 for details). Thank you for your ongoing financial support in these challenging times for all. *Fr. Guy*

Anzac Day Prayer

Almighty everlasting God who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Fill us with fortitude in the cause of right, and may our remembrance of those who have died in war, make us ardent defenders of your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. **LEST WE FORGET!**



Weekly Collection (11/12 April & 18/19 April)

Envelopes: \$2681.00 | Loose Plate: \$ 0 | Direct Deposit: \$ 1065.00
TOTAL: \$3746.00 | Budget for two weeks: \$5000.00 | Difference: -\$1254.00

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner and Patricia Leamey.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster, Peter Drake, Raelene Di Martino, Ken Young and Frank Hesman. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.