**GOSPEL** Lk 24: 35-48

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

## **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.

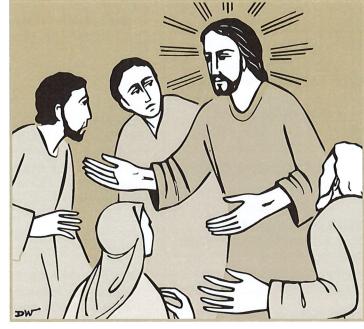
'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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!



#### **PARISH PRESBYTERY & OFFICE**

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#### **MASS TIMES**

- Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun: 8.00am,10.00am,6.00pm
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday Saturday: 8.30am

#### Third Week of Easter YR B

14Sun: Third Sunday of Easter

15 Mon: No Mass

16 Tues: 3rd week of Easter 17 Wed: 3rd week of Easter (Whole School Mass) 18 Thu: 3rd Week of Easter **19 Fri:** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Easter

20 Sat: 3rd Week of Easter/Vigil 4th Sunday of Easter

#### **SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- · Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm

\*For Baptisms & Weddings\* Please call the Parish Office

#### PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- Bible Studies: Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- RCIA: Tuesday @7.15pm.
- Children's RE/Sacrament Prep: Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.



#### PARISH SCHOOLS

**Notre Dame Catholic Primary** 360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105 6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au



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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR B

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES. The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred tests. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

#### MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT **DETAILS** 

First Collection EFT Details A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery BSB: 086 006

Account #: 140 608 771 Reference: Name

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER					
Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae		M Jackson R Bennett	Sr Margaret K Khoo	S Lopera F & B Kareng J Olaso
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	S Robinson	M Piliae C Neville	D Rodrigues L Milllington	C Rozario
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr 10.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	R Ratnayake	V Erskine V Conier	R Ratnayake J Jong	M & M Fernandes- Dodsley
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Fernandez J Fernandez	T Fernandez M Piliae	A P Leo J Mai

#### PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACTS

Parish Council Chairman: Safeguarding Officer: Safeguarding Officer:

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#### Parish Events

#### Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

#### **Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. 13th April 2024: V Bennett U5/263 Fulham St Cloverdale & R Saldanha U3/15 Ellard St Belmont.

#### Holy Water - Now Available

Holy Water will be availble from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

#### **Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes**

If you still have a PC Box at home can you please return with the next week or 2. Thank you again for supporting Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2024.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall Thanks to all those that supported the Morning Tea & food stall last weekend. \$699.70 for the PBF.

#### **Dinner Dance Fundraiser**

A big thank you to all that attended the parish dinner dance last Satruday evening in the Redcliffe Hall. A great night was had by all. Thank you all those that organised the event and also to those that worked tirelessly in the kitchen. Through door sales, raffles, donations & sale of curry puffs on the night we added another \$6012.50 to the PBF. A fantastic effort. Thank you.

#### Working with Children Card

Again just a reminder for all those that hold a WWC Card, please check the expiry date. You can renew online or the parish office has forms available. It is a requirement by the Archdiocese that all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Choir Leaders & Catechists have a current WWC Card to carry out their ministries.

#### Funeral Details for the late Mrs Anne Redmond

A Funeral Service will be held in the church @ 10.30am on Wednesday 17th April followed by refreshments in the parish centre. The cortage will leave at 12.20pm for a Burial Service at 1pm Pinnaroo Cemetary. The family invite all that knew Anne to attend her farewell, and they thank everyone for their prayers and support during her

# **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Thursday 18th April @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

#### **Commitment Mass First Holy Communion**

Next weekend at the 6pm Vigil & 10am Mass Sunday the children from our schools & afterschool classes will make their commitment for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep the children, parents & teachers in your prayers.

#### **Around the Archdiocese**

#### **Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762

E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/. Next online Sessions for 'April': Thursday 18th @ 10am, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.

The Record & 'Australian Catholics' Magazines Are available from both church entrances, good articles in both. Take a copy. Free to alll good homes.

#### Vocations Office - Short Stories on YouTube

A collection of short stories from St Charles Seminarians on how they answered God's unique call to commence their vocation journey into ordained ministry has been released on youtube. Movie Tickets available at both entrances on how you can view these stories.

### **Notre Dame Community**

#### Parish Youth Group

Will be commencing on the 4th Friday of every month commencing 24th May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. More details as the date gets closer.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 4 30pts: N Blake 29pts: K McLean & B Poole 28pts: 4 entrants. 27pts: 10 entrants. 7 entrants picked all 9 winners this week. See notice board for Top tipsters List.

#### **Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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#### In Our Prayers...

#### In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Irene Fuentes, Patrick Westcott, recently deceased Anne Redmond & Janice Lagahit and all souls in Purgatory.



#### Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.