



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA

ANZAC Day/Third Sunday of Easter

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THE EMMAUS STORY

The Risen Lord is Our Sure Companion Walking with Us in Our life's Journey. We Recognize Him at the Breaking of the Word (Scripture) and at the Breaking of the Bread (Eucharist)

Our Scripture lessons for today have one common, encouraging theme: No matter what happens in our lives, the Risen Jesus is always with us. God is near to those

who seek Him and who want to live His presence doing His will. The Emmaus incident is a story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. As Francis Thompson puts it, He is the Hound of Heaven who relentlessly follows us when we try to escape from His love. The message of today's scripture is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Bible. It also reminds us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the Bread and Wine should help us better understand his presence in the Bible and in the believing community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter) together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wants Peter to act as spokesman for Him, and that the faithful who seek to follow Him should seek His company in the Eucharist and the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors.

Fr George Azhakath

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC: Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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 fore-knowledge 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord you will show us the path of life.

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

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 corrupti-

ble, 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. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1. **Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road.** The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We too have hopes and dreams about better healthy, healing, financial security and better family relationships. These often get shattered. The story warns us, however that the risen Lord will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect him. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.
2. **The road to Emmaus is a road of companionship.** Jesus, now freed from the space-time limits of his earthly life, is present in our midst and wants to be our friend. The Risen Lord desires that we walk with Him and with one another. Isaiah 43:2-3: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour." He wants to join us in our travels of life. Psalms 119:63, "I am a companion of all who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts." Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20).
3. **We meet Jesus on a daily basis in our life's journey.** The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through the faithful reading of and meditation on the Bible and to experience him through our participation in the Eucharistic celebration where he gives himself to us, through our personal and family prayers and through our family meals. While we meet him, through the Word of God, we commune with him. We renew our relationship with him through prayer. These two meetings will enable us to meet the risen Jesus living in all the people we meet and do them humble, loving and selfless service.
4. **Do our hearts burn when we listen to the Risen Lord in the Bible?** Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Our tradition teaches us that the reading of the Scriptures, the study of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the message of the Scriptures are the primary ways in which we meet God. Vatican II (Dei Verbum 21) tells us that Jesus in the Eucharist and in the Bible is to be equally venerated. Therefore we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, memorize the Bible and meditate on the word of God. We know that Christ lives in the Bible and so we need to spend time in the Bible to have a deep, intimate, loving, caring, long-term relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. **Find Jesus in the breaking of the bread.** In the gospel story for today, we learn that we find Christ is in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. When we stand at the altar to receive the sacrament, we see and receive Christ. John 6 says, "Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood shall live with me eternally." The Eucharist is soul food, the bread of life for eternity. It feeds us and fills our spiritual needs. It is a pity that often we don't realize what is happening during Holy Communion, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal we are in communion not only with Jesus, but also with our family and friends who have preceded us in death. It is not simply bread and wine, but a banquet for all eternity.

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Steve Job's last words will change your views on life.

Steven Paul Jobs (1955-2011) was an American business magnate, Industrial Designer, Investor and Media Proprietor and Entrepreneur. The billionaire passed away at the age of 56 of Pancreatic cancer. These are his last words: I reached the pinnacle of success in the Business world. In others' eyes, my life is an epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to.

At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognitions and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and became meaningless in the face of impending death.

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you. But you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you. Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: "LIFE" When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading: "Book of Healthy Life". Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends; Treat yourself well. Cherish others.

As we grow older and hence wiser, we slowly realize that, wearing \$300 or \$30 watch; they both tell the same time.... Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag; the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car; the road and distance are the same, and we get to the same destination. Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine; the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq ft; Loneliness is the same. You will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down—you go down with it ... Therefore ... I hope you realize when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, do you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth; that is true happiness !!

Five undeniable facts of life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up, they will know the value of things, not the price.
2. Best awarded word in London ... "Eat your food as your medicines, otherwise, you have to eat medicines as your food".
3. The ones who love you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
Note: if you just want to walk fast, walk alone! But if you want to walk far, walk together!

Six best doctors in the world ... 1. Sunlight 2. Rest 3. Exercise 4. Diet 5. Self confidence 6. Friends.

Maintain them in all stages of life and enjoy a healthy life. God loves you all"

First Collection (Pastoral Revenue)

The Parish Office has many enquiries regarding Direct Deposits during this time of isolation. For those wishing to do Direct Deposits, please deposit as follows

Account Name: Sacred Heart Moruya

Bank Account: 29248

BSB: 062-786

Reference: MORUYA & YOUR SURNAME

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HOMILY - ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2020

FR GEORGE AZHAKATH

This day marks the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldier at Gallipoli during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become a national day of remembrance in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. This day recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.

ANZAC Day is a national day. It has stood the test of time. Its significance in the life of our then newly formed nation and for generations to come is etched into history because of the loyalty, courage, comradeship and love for God and country which those troops carried with them.

As the ANZAC's waited, cloaked in darkness, pre-parting to go ashore, none could have foreseen how the Gallipoli landing would influence generations of Australians for centuries to come. They knew they were in for a fight, knew they would take casualties and, in Charles Bean's words, they knew "a lot of Australians – boys who began their life on the Murray or in a backyard in Wagga or Bourke or Surry Hills – will be left lying in Turkey", but nobody knew the scale of the carnage of the horror they would face.

As over 15,000 Australian and New Zealand troops stormed the beaches of Gallipoli all hoped for a swift and decisive victory. This was not to be so. For thirty four weeks they battled extraordinary odds before finally being evacuated on the 20 December 1915.

The Gallipoli operation cost Australia 26,111 casualties, 8141 dead; with New Zealand 7571 casualties, 2,431 dead. Allied casualties totalled 43,226 dead while Turkish deaths were just over double that number (about 86,692)

Militarily it was in many ways a defeat – but far from an inglorious one. Nationally it was one of our greatest successes, for in that conflict we became a nation whose spirit was strengthened by the bravery and the blood of her sons and daughters.

Yet the sadness of the Great War and of any war was the loss of a generation of young men to their country. In the Second World War, Korea, Vietnam, Malaya and Middle East, have seen Australia again fulfilling her responsibilities and obligations. Such a response has not been without tremendous loss of her men and women.

Countless stories of bravery, self-sacrifice and compassion in the face of appalling adversity emerged from the battlefield. These stories have become the Anzac legend – embedded in our ethos and entrenched in Australian culture.

ANZAC Day is not merely to highlight the courage of those who fought at Gallipoli in 1915 but to honour all the brave and the true who have been prepared to serve the cause of right and freedom in the defensive history of our Nation.

The willingness – the preparedness – of those who have served within the military and in a dedicated civilian capacity to even lay down their lives in their commitment to defend values and ideals embracing family, friends and national interests is immeasurable. **For those who did pay the supreme sacrifice we honour today. For those who have served and suffered, we respect. For those who are veterans, at home or overseas, we owe a great debt.**

As we resolve, with the help of God, to work for peace let us also resolve to retain the finest traditions and ideals of our country and our people. May we never forget what Anzac Day is all about including; the freedom won for us, deserved national pride, and strength of character – tempered with the tragic loss of human life.

For the first time in 105 years after the 1915 Gallipoli conflict, on this 2020 Anzac Day, we are unable to gather in groups, communities or as a Nation due to Covid19 lockdown and social distancing; to remember and commemorate the fallen with various ceremonies at important memorial locations. Yet as the nation awakes early at the dawn Anzac Day on 25th April, 6am and stand in silence on their drive way in front of their homes, the Nation will pay its highest tribute to men and women, military and civilian who died in circumstances unknown, placing their lives at risk for our freedom with great bravery and whose heroisms is known only to God. As they await their eternal reward of resurrection to eternal life, we pray for them and honour them on this day and always.

May we with our varied backgrounds in faith, pray for the eternal repose of those who have fallen. May ANZAC Day uplift our national spirit and deserved pride as we honour all who have committed themselves to the defence of our country and her interests.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young.

Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end

Against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old,

Age shall not weary them,

Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them



LEST WE FORGET