

BODALLA MASS: Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla this Sunday, 23 April at 3pm.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment emails will be sent out on 11 May. Commitment Masses will held on the weekend of 20-21 May with the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 25 June at 10am Mass**. The contact at St Mary's is Genevieve Schofield. For enrolment details, please email Gen: genevieve.schofield@cg.catholic.edu.au

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be **closed next Wednesday, 26 April** and open on Thursday and Friday, **27 and 28 April**.

RETREAT - 'THE MYSTICS': Search and you will find ... called to be everyday mystics. Venue: St Joseph's Convent Chapel, David Avenue, Batemans Bay. Date: **Tuesday, 16 May 9:45am** for a 10am start-2pm. Facilitators: Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall. Morning tea will be provided. Please BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch. A gold coin donation is requested to cover the cost of the venue and bookings are essential **by 9 May** to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057.

ANZAC DAY: 'ANZAC' stands for **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps**. On **25 April 1915**, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These soldiers became known as **Anzacs** and the pride they took in that name continues to this very day. On Tuesday, **25 April**, we acknowledge our brave Anzacs and pay our respects :

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, As we that are left grow 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



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9:00am—2:00pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am

Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass

5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass

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Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

Caring Groups: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993



3rd Sunday of Easter

- YEAR A -

April 22 & 23 2023

The Emmaus Story

The Risen Lord is our sure companion walking with Us in Our life's journey

We recognise 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 in His presence doing His will. The Emmaus incident is a story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt or 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.



Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Liturgy of the Word

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.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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

(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 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.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See 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

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: 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 health, 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 early 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 Isreal, 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’’ (Mt 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 through 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 I (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, memorise 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 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 do not realise what is happening during Holy Communion, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal, we are in communion, not 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.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

ANNIVERSARY: Jan and Pat Morris celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on 18 April. Congratulations to you both!

BIRTHDAY: Happiest of Birthdays to our dear Jan Morris who celebrates her special day this Sunday on 23 April. We sincerely thank you Jan for all you do for our Parish and we hope you have a very special day celebrating with Pat and your family and friends.