



THIRD SUNDAY EASTER YEAR B 18 April 2021 Liturgy and Bulletin

OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
may we look forward with hope to our resurrection,
for you have made us your sons and daughters,
and restored the joy of our youth.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

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: A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

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

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.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Ghosts, meals and humanity*

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That the Church will live by what it professes. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That there will be an end to war and violence, especially in Myanmar. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who feel the absence of God will be filled with the presence of the risen Christ. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are weighed down by the burden of sin will look to Christ, who is their advocate. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will recognise Christ in one another. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will find comfort in the risen Lord who endured suffering, including Kate Glendenning, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermert, Val Biggers and Celia Roach (pause) In peace we pray:**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who have died will live forever with the glorified Christ, including James Clarke, Gwen Reeson whose anniversary occurs today and our own deceased relatives and friends Christ. (pause) In peace we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Lord,
bless us with your heavenly gifts,
and in your mercy make us obedient servants.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

We had a good attendance last Saturday for the Vigil. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: has been suspended until Father Mick is in the parish and times can be discussed.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 2 May in the church at 10.30am.

Anzac Day Ecumenical Service: Sunday 25 April at 9.30am in our church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits. Please bring a small plate of Anzac biscuits to share.

Finance Committee meeting: 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th April in the Presbytery.

PPC meeting: 27th April, following the 10am Mass in the Church.

Project Compassion boxes: are there any more out there? We wish to send the money as soon as possible.

CBM writes: One of the most powerful cyclones ever to hit Indonesia struck on Sunday (April 4) **killing at least 163 people and displacing over 20,000**. And today rescuers continue to search for those still missing.

Families in 15 districts of East Nusa Tenggara Indonesia have been devastated by tropical cyclone Seroja with further flash flooding destroying homes, farms and livelihoods.

You can make a difference by providing urgent [life-saving essentials](#) to those devastated and give people with disabilities access to vital services.

[Donate Now](#)

CBM is on the ground in Indonesia working with local partners to provide support to affected communities focusing on:

Essential Food; Access to clean water and sanitation; COVID health equipment – Masks, hand sanitisers and PPE; Refugee Tents and Medical services.

Timor Leste is also in need of our assistance after the recent terrible floods. Fr Mick has a close association with this region. You can donate at <https://www.care.org.au/appeals/timor-leste-floods/>

Cleaners: Pauline still needs an offsider. Can you help?

16 April: _____ and Pauline. **30 April:** Margaret and Barbara. **14 May:** Helen P and Judith.

Please note the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week:

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 1st: Acts 4:8-12. 2nd: 1 Jn 3:1-2. Gospel: John 10:11-18.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
17 April	James	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
24 April	Geoff	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
1 May	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
8 May	James	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe,
Helen Hart