



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B**

14 April 2024

LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, hear the prayers of your Easter people and strengthen your Church to answer your call. 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 24:338

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 Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us

that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance”.
Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.
Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, ‘eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.’

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus’ action had a deeper meaning about Jesus’ continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the world-wide community of faith; that by lives of love Christians everywhere will bear joyful witness to Christ’s victory over sin and death. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family in these times of rupture and division; that by the grace of God a new spirit of hope will free all people to work together for peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to words and actions that belittle and dehumanise others, that every human being will receive the respect that is their right as a child of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people struggling to cope with mental illness, that they will be blessed with the support of family, friends and professional services. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parents of young and adolescent children, that they will delight in seeing them grow and flourish. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the sick, that they will experience the divine healing of Christ, especially especially Patrick Thomas, Kerry Prothero, Dennis Dempsey, Penny Crawford, Patrick Hynes, Tony Riley, Jenny Bodman, Violet Davis, Ross Lawless, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers. (pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the recently deceased Florrie Coffey and Archbishop Carroll . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be led by their Good Shepherd to the banquet of eternal life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, look on your people with kindness and by these Easter mysteries bring us to the glory of the resurrection.

Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Mass: Saturdays at 5.00pm.

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: 7 May at 3pm in the Presbytery

Scripture: Tuesdays at 4pm in the Presbytery.

Father Tony writes

Dear Parishioners,

The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is authentic and integral.

It is **authentic**. It is true.

The empty tomb aids belief:

It was the practice in the ancient world to raid a tomb, unwrap the shroud around the body, throw the body into a corner of the tomb, and sell the shroud on the black market.

The tomb of Jesus was different. The shroud was left-behind. The body missing.

The resurrection appearances aid belief:

Luke is insistent. Jesus is not a ghost – or a dream. The resurrection is real. The disciples are invited to touch Jesus – his hands and side. The wounds of the passion remain, but are resurrected. Jesus eats grilled fish before them.

The resurrection of Jesus is integral – it involves every single part of us.

We are body, soul and spirit (1 Thessalonians 5), and if we are faithful to our baptism, we too will be raised after the pattern of Jesus' resurrection.

This is not a dream, but a truth beyond human reasoning:

Our body will be resurrected – including our senses and emotions.

Our soul will be resurrected – including our intellect, will and memory.

Our spirit will be resurrected – including our capacity for God himself.

Every single part of us will be drawn into the great act of resurrection. Nothing will be excluded.

As we pray the Creed, we try and treasure those words:

I believe in Jesus 'who descended into hell and on the third day he rose again from the dead.'

I believe in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

School holidays are upon us. Travel safely and enjoy a rest parents and young ones!

Father Tony

ARALUEN'S HIDDEN HISTORY – ARALUEN HISTORY TRAIL LAUNCH April 13 2024, 10am - 2pm Many know about Araluen's mining history, and the thousands of people who called the valley home in the 1800s, but did you know about the Arralyin people who first called the valley home, the slides the Europeans used to get goods to the valley before the roads were made, or the valley's rich agricultural history? Join the launch of the Araluen History Trail and website to learn more about the valley's history. Tour the exhibitions in the Hall Garden and the Copper Room and visit St Patrick's Church, before joining a free bus tour through the trail. Morning tea and light lunch will be served.

Braidwood Scouts 2024 Mega Car Boot Sale Saturday 13 April.

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre will be in Braidwood on Wednesday 17 April, 8.30am – 2pm at Ryrie Park.

Anzac Day Ecumenical Service 9.30am in St. Bede's Church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits before the march. Please bring a small plate of biscuits to share.

The St Bede's parish 'Call to Connect' women's Ministry warmly welcomes all women to a Mother's Day Breakfast. Let's come together to celebrate the gift of mothering, enjoy each other's company and pray for one another.

 *Mother's Day*

At: St Bede's school hall on Saturday 4th May 2024. 8am-9.30am Cost: \$12. Sorry no refunds due to costs incurred. RSVP by Monday 29th April with exact cash to James' coffee window

Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 3:13-15,17-19. 2nd: 1 John: 2:1-5. Gospel: Luke 24:35-48.

Next Sunday readings: 1st: Acts 4:8-12. 2nd: 1 John 3:1-2. Gospel: John 10:11-18.

Radio Church: Sundays at 6pm

Thank you to all who have contributed to Project Compassion. Please return your boxes now.

Ministries for our Mass:	13 April	20 April	27 Apl	4 May
Welcomer:	Cathy F	Geraldine	Helen P	Geraldine
Acolyte:	Felix when available			
Reader 1:	Tommy	Germaine	Anne T	Germaine
Reader 2:	Bobbie	Wendy M-B	Wendy H	Wendy M-B
Ministries of service:	12 Apl	19 Apl	26 Apl	3 May
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Joy	Margaret	Helen P
Cleaning:		Bronnie & Felix		Helen P & Sarah
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H	
	3 rd Sunday: Brenda		4 th : Phil Owen	
			5 th Helen Bopping	
Special Ministers to the hospital:				
1 st Sunday:	Helen B.	2 nd Sunday: Mary F	3 rd Sunday: Helen H	4 th Sunday: Pauline
				5 th Sunday: Helen
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster or get a substitute from the list on the reverse side of the roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.				

Happy Easter season,

Helen Hart

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.