



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A**

23 April 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
hear the prayer of this newborn people
and strengthen your church to answer your call.
Amen.*

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 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: 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 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.

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 John 20:19-31.

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral visit to Hungary this week will yield a rich harvest of faith and love across that land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who love and care for our natural world, that their dedication will call us all to be active stewards of creation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who will observe Anzac Day this week, that their remembrance of the casualties of war will reinforce their passion for peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Australia, that their consideration of the proposed Indigenous Voice to government will be informed, respectful and just. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for youth workers, especially those serving in disadvantaged and troubled communities, that they will win the trust and confidence of the young. () Lord, hear us.

We pray for the priests, religious and volunteers ministering in far-flung parishes, that their collaboration will keep these faith communities alive and well. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Archbishop Frank Carroll, Jenny Bodman, Eadaoin Corcoran, Maurice Farley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Val Biggers, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley and all who need our prayers (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Terry Wilson, Simon Jeffery, Jill Burke, Tony Shepherd, Babs McNamara, Brian Pollard, Lisa Drury. . . and for Gwen Reeson whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be blessed with the fullness of joy in God's presence. (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: Mondays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Weekday Mass: No Tuesday Mass until May.

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: May (date to be advised) at 11am.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 22 April

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly wood Raffle. Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.

Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011



Parish Dinner: Saturday May 27th is Curry Night (following Mass). There will be a selection of lovely homemade curries (mild) for you to enjoy! So please join us at the Servicemen's Club for a friendly evening to welcome winter! Cost \$30 per person (to be confirmed)

RSVP by Monday 22nd May with exact cash in envelope to: Helen H, Germaine, Cathy or Joy.

Historical Society Old Cemetery tour: 11am Sunday 23 April. Please contact the Historical Society to register your interest.

Anzac Day Ecumenical Service: 9.30am in St Bede's Church followed by a cuppa and Anzac Biscuits. Please bring a small plate to share.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May at 10am. All parishioners are invited to attend. There is much to discuss. A cuppa will be provided.

Mothers' Day Breakfast: All women are welcome to come along to a Mother's Day Breakfast on Saturday May 6th. Let's get together to enjoy each other's company and conclude with prayers of thanks and celebration for the mothering roles in our lives.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 2:14, 22-33. 2nd: 1 Peter 1:17-21. Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Next week: 1st: Acts 2: 14, 36-41. 2nd: 1 Peter 2:20-25. Gospel: John 10:1-10.

Ministries for our Mass:	22 April	29 April	6 May	13 May
Welcomer:	Helen P	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P
Acolyte:				
Reader 1:	Ann T	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B
Reader 2:	Wendy H	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine
Ministries of service:	21 April	28 April	5 May	12 May
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Cathy	Margaret	Joy
Cleaning:	Bani & Ella		Pauline & Wendy M-B	
Counters: 1 st Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd : Sunday: Wendy H	
3 rd Sunday:	volunteer please		4 th : Phil Owen	

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other,

Helen

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.