

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 18 Apr 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B
First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

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.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) 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!)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

3. ‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

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.

The Word of the Lord

R. 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 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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.

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**Marian Procession will be held
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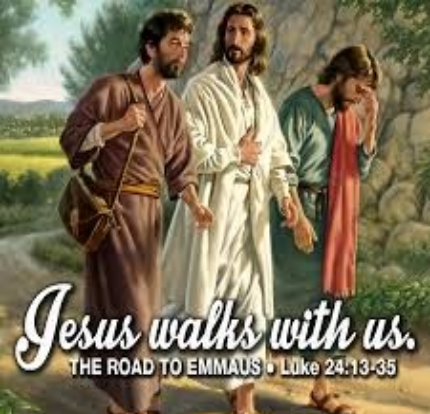
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Third Sunday of Easter -YEAR B

This weekend’s Gospel (Lk 24:35-48) continues the Emmaus story, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to the two “downcast” disciples who later admitted to each other how their hearts had burned within them, before finally showing himself as the risen Lord at the breaking of the bread—then vanishing from their sight. As they later related how the breaking of bread revealed the presence of Christ to them, the Lord appears standing among the disciples proving that he has risen from the dead and that he is not a ghost.



As he appears to the disciples, Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” It is more than just the usual Jewish greeting for peace (shalom). He is reassuring them that they are not to be afraid and need no longer live in hiding for fear of the Jews. In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. (v.37) Given that Luke’s Gospel was intended for a wide audience viz., Gentiles and Jews in Judea or Samaria and of the Diaspora scattered throughout the Roman Empire, it would have been written in Greek, which was the then common language, rather than in Hebrew or Aramaic. The Greek word for ghost is pneuma meaning spirit (translated in the Latin Vulgate as spiritum).

Spirit can also mean what we might consider a ghost, i.e., the spirit of a person who has departed from this world appearing to us after his/her death, which is why the Apostles are alarmed and frightened. It is one of the examples we see in the Gospels of the Apostles’ belief in the existence of the soul after death.

In the First Century A.D. there was an array of varying beliefs about the afterlife. The Sadducees did not believe in any life after death—then one’s soul simply stopped existing. The Pharisees, on the other hand, did believe in the immortality of the soul—that one’s soul went on after death to be reunited with the body on the last day, thus beginning a new creation. Still others believed in a kind of reincarnation—that one’s soul left the body at death then returned in another person’s body. An example of the last is Herod who thought John the Baptist has come back from death and is now in the body of Jesus (Mk 6:14).

What we see in this weekend’s Gospel, is Jesus distinguishing all those ideas. By his resurrection appearance, Jesus shows that his presence with the apostles is real and lasting—the nature of his risen body is a real body, even if glorified, rather than just something ghostly. Moreover, it is about the reunification of the body and soul, in a new state for all eternity, for us as well! So now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out (Acts 3:19).

The continuing real presence of Jesus is not questioned by the early Christians, following his Ascension and Pentecost, when the Apostles boldly preach the Gospel. Also because of the power of signs in the Church, most especially the sacramental sign of the Eucharist which communicates the reality of the resurrection whenever offered. It remains the supreme mystery of his Passion, Death and Resurrection sacramentally re-enacted upon the altars of the world where real, and substantial, that mystery is extended in space and time through the Church, over which Christ is the head and we are the members.

When we receive the Eucharist, "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324) and allow it to effect in us what it signifies—the real and true crucified and resurrected presence of Jesus with us and amongst us—then we can see Jesus and understand as he instructs us during the Liturgy of the Word when our minds are opened to understand the scriptures. (Jn 24:45)

Fr Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

April

Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 20th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 21st: 9am Mass
Thurs 22nd: 9am
Fri 23rd: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 24th: 9am Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sunday 25th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

17/18 April

Church Cleaning

D & L May (19-23)

Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie

9am C Schor

5pm L Miller

Commentator

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RE-ENGAGING WITH PLENARY COUNCIL



15th April 2021

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sending out today an open letter to the Archdiocese encouraging them to group together in their Deaneries to offer some initial reflection on the recently published working document of the Plenary Council – "Continuing the Journey."

I have asked the Deans to organise these Zoom meetings in their Deaneries and I thank them for their efforts to schedule dates. Archdiocesan offices would be very happy to assist in the practical arrangements.

To the members of our Archdiocesan delegation I invite you, if you wish, to join in these four gatherings and listen carefully to what people are saying in response to the working document. If you are unable to attend these particular dates, you can contact Jeanine Doyle for access to an electronic version of the session for your perusal at a later date. I am also looking for an appropriate occasion to present you to the Archdiocese in a more formal and prayerful way as we move towards the 1st Assembly in October 2021.

To the Deans of the Archdiocese, thank you for setting dates and times for these meetings. I will be asking you to host the sessions whilst I offer a brief introduction at the start regarding the document. It will be imperative that people participating in these meetings have in fact read the working document carefully. What we are looking for is a response to the document in a rather systematic way. My Archdiocesan offices are available to you via Kylie Bereza to assist you with the organisation of such Zoom meetings. I think it will be important that people register for the meeting and that we liaise carefully with how that will take place practically.

Please also keep in mind prayers for the Plenary Council. The letter I am sending will include a prayer that you may wish to place in your Bulletins from time to time. We need to ready our people for the importance and understanding of the Plenary Council. Given the fact of the Bush fires, floods and Covid-19 crisis in our own Archdiocese over the last couple of years, it is important for us to re-focus and look towards the Plenary Council with hope and a prayer to the Holy Spirit to guide us in the important years ahead.

Thank you for your kind attention to these matter.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Christopher Prowse

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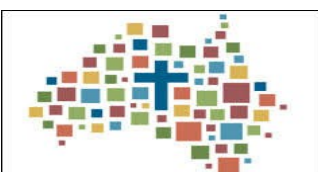
CLAIM THE DATE

DEANERY ZOOM SESSION

TUESDAY 4TH MAY, 2021

10AM-12NOON

Zoom Links to be sent



To our teachers and students. We hope you had a restful break and look forward to seeing you all as you begin another term of joyful learning.

This Sunday morning after 9am Mass, Frank and the Order of Malta are looking forward to catching up with parishioners over a cuppa.

Sunday Morning Tea is resuming this week-end after 9am Mass. There will be a hot cup of tea or coffee available. A roster is being drawn up and if you wish to be part of the roster please put your name on the list in the foyer or email the Parish Office.

If you wish to be a **Computer operator** for Masses or other Church activities could you please put your name on the list in the foyer.
Training is provided.

Saints Of The Week

SUNDAY 18TH - Blessed

Marie-Anne Blondin

WEDNESDAY 21ST - St

Anselm of Canterbury, bishop & doctor of the Church

FRIDAY 23RD - St George,
martyr, St Adalbert bishop & martyr



SATURDAY 24TH - St Fidelis of
Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

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Remembering the Sick:

Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alvio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes

Death Anniversaries: Claire Wakeling, Numeriano Sencio Sr, Anacrita Sencio, Pauline Cassar, Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey, John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Francis Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hratic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effene, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Librale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

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