

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

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

R. 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.’
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.
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.
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

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

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 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course. The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God’s plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home. The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



ST BERNARD'S PARISH
BATEMANS BAY
2 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536



P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536.
Tel: 4472 4153
E: batemansbay@cg.org.au
Website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay
Office Hours: 10am to 2pm
Tuesday-Friday

Priest: Rev. Loi Viovicente
Secretary: Roslynn Trompp
Finance Admin: Anne Jackson
PC Co-ord: Marie Weatherall
Asst. PC Co-ord: Carolyn Evenden

Principal: Mrs. Jo Wain
St. Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven
R.E.C: Sharon Beashel
Principal: Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan
Carroll College, Broulee

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

The road to Emmaus...

Joyce Rupp, in her book, “Inviting God In” writes that the segment of the Emmaus story where the two Apostles who met Jesus (but not recognising Him as the Jesus they knew) urged Him to stay with them as it was nearly evening, is very poignant. However, before the story of the Road to Emmaus is explored we need to reflect briefly on the first two readings.

In the first reading Peter explains that what had happened in the previous days/ weeks had been foretold by the Prophets: Jesus had been raised from the dead by God and received the Holy Spirit.

Peter, in the second reading reminds us that there was a “ransom” paid to free us from what was referred to as a useless way of life and as a result of that we can now have faith and hope in God. Faith has been a recurring word and issue raised in readings since Easter.

The Gospel begins by telling us that two friends of Jesus, walking on the road to Emmaus were locked in their thoughts, feelings and possibly unable to make sense of what had happened to their friend Jesus. A man whom they did not recognise joined the. His questioning gave them the opportunity to talk about what they had seen and how they were feeling. This gave Him the opportunity to offer His interpretation of events in light of the Jewish Scriptures. As evening was near, they asked Him to stay with them so he did and as He broke bread they recognised Him. He was the Jesus they had known, but now they recognised Him through and with the eyes of faith.

So much of this Gospel pertains to us. We need this gift of faith and the need to accept it. That acceptance also means encompassing the Spirit - we need to take it into our hearts and let it change us.

As the apostles had their encounter with Jesus, talking and listening, we can identify our model of Liturgy of the Word, where we as a community, gather to talk and listen. As Jesus broke the bread and was recognised, we understand the importance of sharing a meal - our Eucharist. We become nourished by His presence as well as becoming part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in faith: that faith enabling us to be ready to spread the good news and furthering our lives as disciples.

In light of this Gospel story have there been times when we haven’t recognised Jesus in unexpected ways or places? Are we not always aware that Jesus is with us in difficult times? This week let us remember that the risen Christ wants to be near us and a Presence in our lives. May we find the courage to accept and acknowledge the faith we have been gifted.

Ken and Carolyn Evenden



ANZAC DAY 2023
Tuesday 25th April
LEST WE FORGET

Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
No choir this Monday
24th April

FUNERAL SERVICE
For MR JOHN DUNNE
Monday 24th April
11am
St Bernard's Church

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass,
and 1st Saturday of
the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD
NEWS
Resumes Wednesday
May 3rd after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 26th April
1pm Meeting Room
All are welcome

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove
All are welcome



MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 24th April- Sunday 30th April

Monday 24th: No Mass
Tuesday 25th: Mass 9am
Adoration: 8.00am
Wednesday 26th: Mass 9am
Thursday 27th: Mass 9am
Friday 28th: Mass 9am
Saturday 29th: Mass 6pm
Sunday 30th: Mass 9am

Fr John Walter will be celebrating Mass on
Friday 21st April

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

ROSTERS

22/23 APRIL

Cleaning

24-28 D & L May

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J
Anderson

Commentator:
M Bridges
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine, K Lovering
Computer Screen M
O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator .
N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
A Skinner, S Beashel
Computer Screen
T Priest....

MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic & Zdenka

29/30 APRIL

Cleaning

1-5 May M DeSmet J
Maher

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer P Jobes
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
M Weatherall, A Rogers
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connell
Commentator D
Robinson
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens, N Page
Computer Screen T
Jackson.

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS

Resumes on May 3rd

Sessions of ENJOY THE GOOD
NEWS provide an opportunity for
parishioners to discuss, reflect on
and pray through the Scripture
readings for the following
Sunday.

Sessions are held in the church
meeting room after 9.00 am Mass
every Wednesday.

For more information:

Joe Quigley
0404357744

All are welcome

FASHION PARADE And MORNING TEA

A Fundraiser for
Maranatha Lodge,
MONDAY 8th

MAY

At

CWA HALL
10..30 am

Edward Rd, Sunshine Bay

Courtesy of
BLACK PEPPER
Fashions for Ladies!

Tickets \$15.00 from
Friends of Maranatha or **Diana**

Mob: 0459 786 341

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Antoinette &
Paul Skinner from 10 am – 11am on
Tuesday May 9. ***All welcome.***

Enquiries re address: Antoinette:
0438 925 066.

If you would like a lift please let
Marie Weatherall know on
0405 028 057.

SATURDAY MASS
time will change to
5pm beginning first
Saturday of May—6th
May

BBECET LUNCH

TO BE HELD
on **Saturday May 6th at 12**
noon to raise funds for
scripture teachers for our high
school children.

Cost = \$25 pp
For further information
contact Angela on 44721099

**WELCOME
BACK TO
OUR
TEACHERS
AND
STUDENTS**

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the
Parish
e-platform giving for both
the Priest and the Church,
the
details are as follows:

Acc. Name:
St Bernard's Operating
Account: BSB: 062-786
Bank : 00012939
Ref: Family Name

***WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL
CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND THE WALBUNJA
PEOPLE OF THE YUIN NATION. WE PAY OUR
RESPECTS TO THEIR
ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING***

May Retreat:
*' Search and you will
find ...called to be
everyday
mystics'*

at St Joseph's
Convent Chapel on Tuesday
May 16th,
9-45am to begin at 10am -
2pm.

Facilitators:

Carolyn Evenden & Marie
Weatherall.
Morning tea
Provided.

BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch.
Gold coin donation to cover
venue cost.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
Marie W 0405 028 057

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

The Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – held on the
fourth Sunday of Easter to raise funds for the
education of our seminarians to the priesthood. We
are grateful for the wonderful Priests and Religious
we have in this Archdiocese and we pray God
would always bless and provide for them.

The money raised will be used to help defray the
very considerable costs associated with the many
years of academic training and seminary formation
served in preparation for priesthood.

Envelopes will be on the pews during Mass.

Remembering the Sick:

Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley
Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony
and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince
Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary
Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn
Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts,
Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in
hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Rees De Winter, John
Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones,
Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic,
Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita
Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois
White



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked
together with the disciples
on the road to Emmaus,
drawing them from anxiety
to hope, from confusion to
joy.

Jesus, centre of our
common Emmaus walk,
with You alone to guide
us, make Your home in
our hearts; as we pour
"new wine into fresh
wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the
Holy Spirit, may we give
birth to a renewed faith and
united pastoral action in this
Archdiocese in the years
ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great
Australian Intercessor, pray for
us.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

All Saints of
God, who name
and sanctify our
parishes, pray for
us. ***Amen***

*Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions*

APRIL

**For a culture of peace
and non violence**

We pray for the spread of
peace and non violence, by
decreasing the use of
weapons by States and
citizens. .

**BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA
DISTRICT FUNERALS**

Caring for Eurobodalla
shire families for
over 50 years
Batemans Bay
44728886

Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888

INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS

1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay

Buy fuel any time

EFTPOS
VISA
AMEX
MASTERCARD

OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY

Fish & Chips, Burgers,
Sandwiches & Coffee

100% BEEF BURGER

248 Beach Road
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

02 4472 1802

MAYDAY
Plumbing And
Gas
**Fully licensed
Plumber and
Gas Fitter**
Gutter Cleaning
General
Maintenance

RHYS MAY

0427 373 826

Clinical
Psychologist

**Patrick
Fleming**

Batemans
Medical Centre
Ph: **0412 295 394**

Medicare
Rebates
Available

excell *Ideaspeople*
PRINTING GROUP
— with a passion for print

P 4472 1599
E: batemansbay@excellprint.com.au
www.excellprint.com.au

Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

excellprint.com.au

Ray and Anne Brown

COASTAL
CONCRETE & QUARRY

02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara
your vets
at Surf Beach

EUROCOAST
Veterinary Centre

0488671118