

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Third Sunday of Easter Year B  
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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 Israel-ites, 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 John 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 Luke 24:32*  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 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 dumb-founded; 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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Every night @ 8.30pm



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**THIRD SUNDAY  
Of EASTER  
Year B**



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Mondays**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30**  
**am Fridays after**  
**Mass**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 24th**  
**April 1pm CMR**

**Enjoy the Good**  
**News Wednesdays**  
**after 9am Mass**

**PPC Meeting**  
**Thursday 18th April**  
**5pm CMR**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after**  
**Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans**  
**Cove**

**Doubt and Disbelief!**

Doubt and disbelief touches all our lives, especially when, something in our life or an event occurs that is overwhelming, leaving us speechless and doubting the reality that this something is happening to us or our family and friends. Often it is only in retrospect that we can see this ‘happening’ in a different light.

Andrew Denton, in his ‘Elders’ series, interviewed Fr Des Reid in 2008. Fr Des spoke of being an alcoholic and the doubts and disbeliefs that ‘seized him in this battle with the drink.’ He states: ‘I never understood why God would allow me to be an alcoholic. I could not see any reason, any good, ever in it. I begged Him – anything else but not alcoholism – any other disease but not this one.’

Denton goes on to ask him: ‘**And what do you see as the reason now?**’ Fr Des: I see the reason very clearly now ...each Monday people walk in the door and say “Father I need to speak to you ...they never tell me outright but after awhile I am able to say to them, ‘Well you’re drinking too much, that’s all that’s wrong with you.’ ‘How did you know?’ ‘**Because I was there.** Because the only qualification that a practising alcoholic will accept for advice is someone who has been through it.’ [pg134]

**He opened their minds to understand**

In today’s Gospel [Luke 25:35- 48] Luke gives us one of the accounts of the Risen Lord’s appearance to the Apostles. He appears among them offering them his peace. Yet we hear in the narrative the following reactions: they are in a state of alarm, frightened, and seeing a ghost! Leaving Jesus to ask ‘**Why are you so agitated, why are these doubts rising in your hearts?**’

Jesus has to allow himself to be touched by them, to eat before their eyes in order to convince them, it is indeed himself, the Crucified One, now restored to life – **wholly different but the same.**

The joy is overwhelming, they are speechless. Like on the road to Emmaus **he explains the mystery of the Cross and opens their minds to the wonders of the Scriptures.**

During this week may we grow in our own understanding of what God has allowed in our life - our own life challenges- **as we renew our trust in our ‘Good God’s’ plans and guidance for us.**



*Marie Weatherall*





Mass  
Schedule

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 15th—Sunday 21st  
April**

**Monday 15th:** No Mass

**Tuesday 16th:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 17th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 18th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 19th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 20th:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-5.30

**Sunday 21st:** Mass 9am

### 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

#### 13/14 APRIL

##### Cleaning

15-20 M DeSmet J  
Maher

##### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer C Brownlie  
Commentator: J Quigley  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M Devine  
Computer Screen M  
O'Neill

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den  
Broek  
Commentator M Lowe  
Reader: C Lowe  
Eucharistic Ministers  
tba

Computer Screen D May

**MORNING TEA:**  
M Vidovic & Zdenka

##### COUNTERS

G Norris & J O'Sullivan

#### 22/23 APRIL

##### Cleaning

22-27 B Coffey/M Paine

##### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: B Oerder  
Commentator: M  
O'Neill  
Reader: P O'Kelly  
Eucharistic Ministers  
C Brownlie  
Computer Screen K  
Conway

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer D May  
Commentator . N Beatty  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers L  
Stevens  
Computer Screen T  
Priest....

##### MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

##### COUNTERS

B Basevi

Wishing all our teachers and students a joyful  
holiday filled with relaxation, fun and cherished  
moments with your loved ones.

### Congratulations

to the CANDIDATES WHO CELEBRATED their  
First Reconciliation on Thursday evening 11th April.

May this experience bring you all closer to God and deepen  
your understanding of forgiveness and grace. We wish you  
continued growth and blessings as you continue to explore  
your faith.

### YOU ARE INVITED

To attend all three **Retreat Mornings at St Bernard's  
Church** in the Meeting Room on Tuesdays May 14th,  
May 28th, 11th June from 9.30-12 noon.

Cost: Free

BYO Shared Morning Tea. We will be exploring  
"Secret Place-Sacred Paths"

May 14th— **The Coastal Experience of Prayer**  
May 28th— **The Mountain Experience of Prayer**  
June 11th— **The Rural Experience of Prayer**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** one week prior to each  
retreat.

Ph: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

### BBECET SUPPORTERS LUNCH

BBECET is a ministry of the combined churches of Batemans Bay  
and provides Christian Education in our local schools.

YOU ARE INVITED

To a lunch  
Saturday May 4th, 12 noon  
@ Cross Central Church, 1 Kerang Street, Surfside.

**\$25 per person**

2 Course Meal, Tea, Coffee and Refreshments available.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE  
FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OFFICE  
Or call John Hoggan (BBECET Chairman)  
on 0417 801 566  
RSVP Monday 29th April

### Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen . We visit and  
take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a  
month.

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Dear Parishioners,

The finance committee was saddened to hear  
from Fr Loi that he has not had Christmas with  
his family since he started training for the  
priesthood some 30 years ago.

We thought it would be great if we could bring  
his family out for Christmas, however his father  
is unable to travel.

Instead, we are sending Fr Loi home for his  
father's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

To raise funds we will be doing a couple of raffles  
and other activities to raise funds. If you would  
like to donate separately you can do so through  
the Parish account—put as a reference  
"Fr Loi Home "

The 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations will be held on Sunday 21st  
April. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is  
-*Called to sow seeds of hope and to build  
peace.*

I will be running a thee day silent retreat 19  
-21 April for men discerning a call to  
Priesthood @ St Clement's Retreat Centre,  
Galong NSW.

Cost to be negotiated with each retreatant  
but Galong cost is \$150 per day. Food and  
linen provided. BYO bible and walking  
shoes.

God's blessings

**Fr Emil**

**Vocations Director**

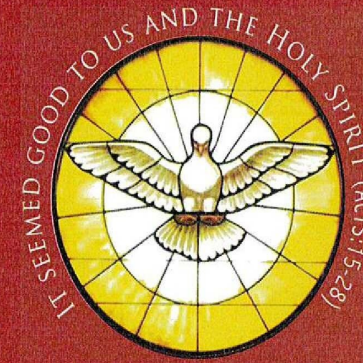
**FUNERALS IN THE PARISH—** *Robert John Mitchell* late of Jeremadra. Funeral to be  
held at St Bernard's Church on Friday 19th April at 11am.

### Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,  
Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie  
McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel,  
Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill,  
Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben  
Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis  
Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan  
Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts,  
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:** Robert Mitchell, Joyce  
Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard,  
Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic,  
Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan,  
Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley  
House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele  
(Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits,  
Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan  
Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions APRIL

**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and  
immense value of women be  
recognised in every culture,  
and for the end of  
discrimination that they  
experience in different parts  
of the world.

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