

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST BEDE – 26th April, 2020



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

Please click on the link below after 5pm on Saturday, 25 April, to watch the 3rd Sunday of Easter Online Mass, celebrated by our priests. <https://youtu.be/MZebqFgrpU>

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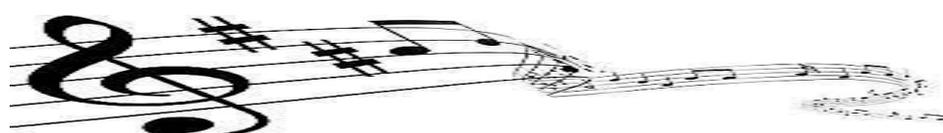
Mary Mackie and Kath Dowling who died recently, and Nathaline Menezes, Robert (Bob) Sammut and Joseph Le Cong Tai whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Mass Setting: Mass of Shalom

Entrance hymn: All You Nations – GA 353

Communion hymn: By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord – GA 352

Recessional hymn: Easter Glory Fills the Sky – GA 366



Reading 1 ACTS 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.
You who are Israelites, hear these words.
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.
This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.
But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.
For David says of him:
*I saw the Lord ever before me,
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.
But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him
that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld
nor did his flesh see corruption.
God raised this Jesus;
of this we are all witnesses.
Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

The word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm [PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

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

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 yourselves who are my prize.

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

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. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever.

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

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Reading 2 [1 PT 1:17-21](#)

Beloved:

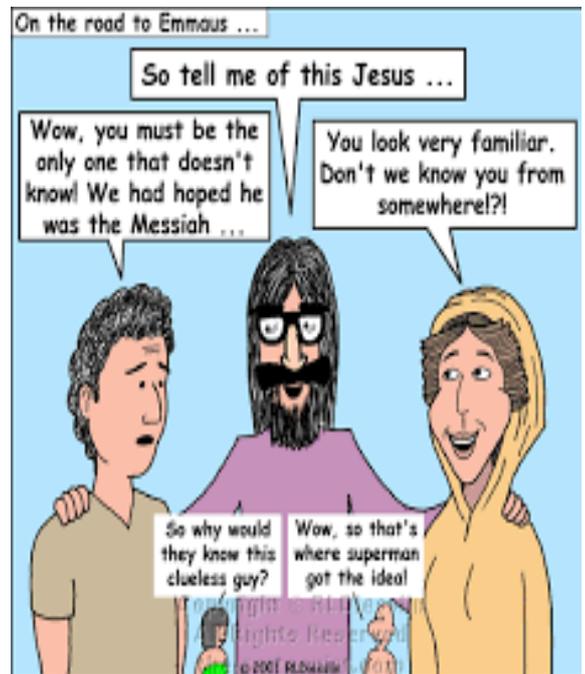
If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially
according to each one's works,
conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,
handed on by your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver or gold
but with the precious blood of Christ
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you,
who through him believe in God
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are in God.

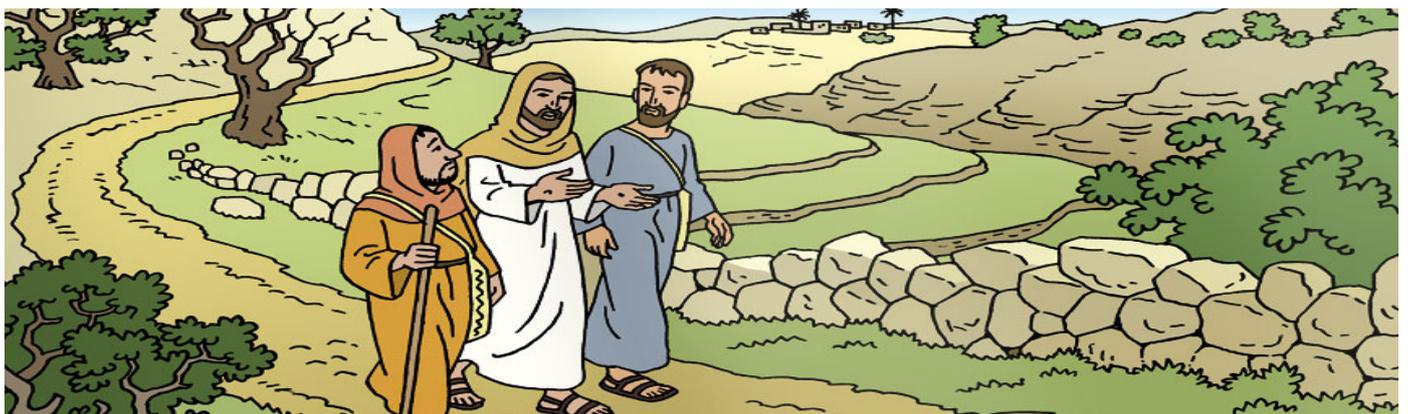
The word of the Lord

Gospel LK 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week,
two of Jesus' disciples were going
to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.
And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
He asked them,
"What are you discussing as you walk along?"
They stopped, looking downcast.
One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,
"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem
who does not know of the things
that have taken place there in these days?"
And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"
They said to him,
"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over
to a sentence of death and crucified him.



But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;
and besides all this,
it is now the third day since this took place.
Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:
they were at the tomb early in the morning
and did not find his body;
they came back and reported
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who announced that he was alive.
Then some of those with us went to the tomb
and found things just as the women had described,
but him they did not see."



And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
he interpreted to them what referred to him
in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, “Stay with us,
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,

“Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered together

the eleven and those with them who were saying,

“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

Then the two recounted

what had taken place on the way

and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

**GOSPEL
REFLECTION**



Luke is the only evangelist from whom we have a second book - his gospel is volume one and the Acts of the Apostles is volume 2. The first volume is about the life and ministry of Jesus who is empowered by the Holy Spirit and in volume 2, it is the Spirit of the risen Christ who empowers the Church to continue the same work as Jesus did.

This wonderful story of Luke we hear in today's gospel is the connection between the 2 volumes.

Luke is firstly describing an incident in which disciples encounter Christ after he had risen from the dead. This is one of many post-resurrection stories found in each of the gospels to say that the resurrection is not the end of the story about Christ & his work, but the beginning - he continues to live and work through his community of disciples then and now.

When they encounter Jesus on the road, they don't recognize him because though he is the same, he has also been somehow transformed. Jesus listens to their discouragement, pain and their struggle to understand - they tell their story and Jesus listens.

They then share a meal, and suddenly recognize Jesus and experience him in a profound way as never before and so their eyes are opened to his presence with them. They have experienced that they need immediately to impart the message onto the others. Isn't this what happens in the eucharist for us?

We bring with us when we come to the eucharist the stories of our own personal lives; our joys, hopes, questions, frustrations, pain and struggles which we present by our very presence and which God listens to and we listen in the Word that God speaking to us so that we can see the bigger picture.

The beauty of this dialogue is that it is both communal and personal - the Word we listen to is the same but the way we hear it and the impact it has on our own lives is personal because God's relationship with each of us is personal and unique. The same readings will speak differently to each of us because our experiences are unique and so what God can say to us, if we listen, is relevant and personal.

For us too, Christ becomes present in a special way in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the eucharist. The stories told, the dialogues shared, Christ becomes concrete and a source of nourishment for our lives as a spiritual food.

Luke's understanding of Church and Eucharist is very much about hospitality. The disciples on their way to Emmaus invited and welcomed Jesus among them. The presence of Christ therefore requires our hospitality extended towards him but also to one another.

Just as the disciples feel encouraged to proclaim what they have experienced, so too, we, at the end of the eucharist, are commissioned to proclaim in our daily lives what we have experienced and the Christ we've encountered.

How and where do we proclaim the good news by the way we live and what we say in our daily lives?

This is the best joke I've seen so far... 😂😂😂😂
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Ok extended lockdowns .. who's going to order
Herbalife from me now? 😂



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Recalling how the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognised Christ in the breaking of bread, we pray to God the Father for a deeper appreciation of the risen Christ as our spiritual food for the journey through life.

1/ We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the bishops of the church. May they live lives worthy of their calling.

Let us pray to the Lord.

2/ That the Christian witness of our own lives may bring hope and light to those who are disillusioned and in the darkness of despair.

Let us pray to the Lord.

3/ We pray for our parish community of St Anne, St Bede and St Joachim. May we never take for granted the graces we receive in our eucharistic celebration.

Let us pray to the Lord.

4/ As we pause to commemorate ANZAC Day today, we remember all those who have given their lives in the defence and service of their country. We pray that God will guide political and military leaders to always strive for justice and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

5/ We pray for all health workers who strive to keep our community safe in this time of pandemic. May God continue to strengthen them in their service.

Let us pray to the Lord.

6/ We pray for the sick in our parish, especially Hervig Maxa, and for those who have died recently, especially *Mary Mackie and Kath Dowling*, and for those whose anniversary occur about this time, especially *Nathaline Menezes, Robert (Bob) Sammut and Joseph Le Cong Tai*. May they enjoy the fullness of life in the company of the risen Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, grant us the deep faith necessary to recognise your Son in all the situation we experience in life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"Whatever life throws at you, even if it hurts you,
just be strong and fight through it. Remember,
strong walls shake but never collapse."

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