

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
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Third Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2023

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

(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.' **(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 [1 Pt 1:17-21](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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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.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Reflection by Dr Scott Hahn

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today’s Gospel. Downcast and confused, they’re making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don’t know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can’t even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. **Continued inside→**

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Kath Monaghan

May our healing God touch the lives of our sick
bringing them comfort & peace. 🙏

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 30th April
Ouyen: 11:00am
Reader: Marie Shaddock
Prayers of the Faithful: Merrill Boland
Offertory Procession: The Brady Family
Eucharistic Minister: Gerald Leach
Projectionist: Cara Brady

Mass Timetable
Ouyen each Sunday at 11:00am
Underbool 4th Sunday at 9:00am

Weekday Masses this week Tuesday at 10:00 am
& Friday at 10:00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each
Thursday from 2pm – 5pm, with the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy said at 3pm and the Rosary at
4pm; all welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be
available after the 11:00am Mass, or at any other
time by appointment.

Prayer For Australia: Eternal Father, I offer you
the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
offered at all the Masses throughout the world
for the Holy atonement, and to protect Australia
from the sin of abortion, euthanasia, and from
every evil. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Collections 16th April
Ouyen: \$233.85
Planned Giving: \$120.00

Church Cleaning:
April: Carmel Vallance
Presbytery Cleaning:
April: Celia Reidy

Pope's Prayer Intention for 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.

Holy Water: There are a few small containers
available of the newly blessed Holy Water for
people to take home and use. You are also welcome
to bring your own small container to collect your
own.

Prayer for Religious Freedom

Heavenly Father, we pray for our politicians to
work with faith leaders, teachers, parents and
guardians of children, our community of faith, to
protect religious freedom within our religious
educational institutions. We pray for the
pastorally sensitive formation of children in
accordance with sound biological anthropology
and the traditional teachings of the faith of their
families. We ask this through the intercession of
Australia's patronesses, Our Lady Help of
Christians, and St Mary of the Cross. Amen.

**150th Anniversary of our Diocese of
Ballarat in 2024**

On March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius XI issued a
decree establishing the western part of Victoria
as a distinct diocese, with the Murray River as
the northern boundary and the sea as the
southern boundary. For more information, please
see the Bishop's letter.

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This Tuesday is Anzac Day and Fr Shaiju has kindly offered to say **Mass on Tuesday at 10:00am**

We pray for and remember all airmen, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. We also remember those still serving in the armed forces and all families, parents and children who lost loved ones through war. Let us pray that the current world tensions will be peacefully resolved.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS. It is also the day on which World Day of Prayer will be observed. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We remember young men and women throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, the single life, diaconate, religious life, marriage or societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting begins on May 6-7 and continues each weekend until the end of May.

Thank You from Caritas Australia - Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week so that Faye can finalise the count.

From the Suggestion Box: "Someone rostered on to greet people and make visitors feel welcome." If you would feel comfortable doing this, please put your name on the list at the back of the church (near the kitchen) or see Marie. The roster would be based on a monthly basis and listed with the other Mass details.

Update From the recent Leadership Team Meeting

* **The mower has now arrived and is housed securely - many thanks Pud and Peter** 🙌

Prayer for Vocations . . .

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life, and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptized to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Reflection Cont. Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death. In every Eucharist, we re-enact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

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