

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14. 22 - 33

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

FOR VIGIL MASS

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

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1: 17 - 21

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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



Next Sunday's Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

First Reading: Acts 2:14. 36 - 41
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20 - 25
Gospel: John 10: 1 - 10



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

29 - 30 APRIL 2017

Gospel: Luke 24: 13 - 35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And Jesus said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus."

Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So Jesus went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. The two disciples said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road, and how the Lord had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9am, 9:30 - 10am
Reconciliation & 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am, 6pm

*Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.

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Reflection

Much of Luke's Gospel is taken up by the account of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to the cross. In this gospel, the two disciples have turned their backs on that event and are journeying away from the salvation that was won by Jesus there. All they can see is the confusion and disappointment of their failed hopes and expectations. They thought that Jesus was the Messiah but he died an ignoble death on the cross! They do not even recognise him as he walks beside them. They thought they knew what sort of Messiah he was. But Jesus does not abandon them. He continues his instruction of the disciples through the Scriptures and their hearts burn within them. They continue to be open to hearing the truth and their doubts are overcome. They finally come to recognise that Jesus is present with them in the breaking of the bread.

When we read of the meal at Emmaus, we cannot fail to see the parallels with the actions of the Last Supper in which Jesus instituted the Eucharist. The four-fold actions of taking the bread, blessing it, breaking it and giving it are present and it is in these actions that the disciples recognise Jesus.

It is not clear why the two disciples were heading for Emmaus. They were "downcast" about what had happened to Jesus, but there is no indication that they were running away from Jerusalem in fear of their lives. Whatever the reason they were on the road to Emmaus, the two disciples had made a decision to leave Jerusalem. They must have weighed up whether to stay or to go – it may have been an easy decision, or one they were uncertain about and which needed discussion about all the pros and cons of leaving or staying.

The account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus provides us with a lesson which is both touching and reassuring. The two disciples had made the wrong decision. They were heading away from the momentous event of the Resurrection and they were not going to be in town when that was followed by Pentecost. Like a shepherd Jesus approaches his sheep on the wrong path, and after walking with them and listening to them, he uses the moment of encounter to gently turn them around and send them in the right direction. He enables them to reverse their wrong decision.

We often agonize over decisions, of both the life-changing sort and the more mundane. There can appear to be two options, and we cannot decide on one over the other. We pray, we take counsel from friends and family, and still we cannot settle on one option over the other. Sometimes this can be an indicator that there is another unseen option, and we need to be open enough to ask God to reveal the road to us, rather than asking him to come down on the side of one or other of our pre-conceived options.

When we are faced with a significant decision and despite prayer and reflection, the road to take is not clear, the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus provides great reassurance. If we are honestly trying to discern our way as disciples of Christ, we can trust that Jesus will guide us, and that trust should be expressed in our prayer. We can make a choice knowing that if, like the disciples, we would be better to go in a different direction, he will lead us into the right way.

"He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name."
Psalm 22

Did You Know?

- ◆ The exact site of the town of Emmaus is not known to archaeologists.
- ◆ The early Church referred to the Eucharist as 'the breaking of bread' (Acts 2:42).
- ◆ This gospel text reflects the structure of the Mass: Jesus first opened the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke bread (the Liturgy of the Eucharist).

Let Us Pray For...

Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Kim Roper, Ian Godby

Anniversaries at this time

Miklos Gubacsi, Melinda Guerreiro, Allan Smith, Anglo Vella, Agata Salvo, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

Those recently deceased

Edward McBride, Frederico Evangelista

Those recently baptised

Kate Barry & Celeste Scarf



Parish Ministries

We are still in need of more volunteers to help in our parish ministries. If you have still have forms at home or wish to get a new form please see Fr Bernie. We would like to have new rosters starting by the beginning of June, but still need more parishioners to be involved. There will be training for each of our ministries, so if you are concerned that you may not be capable please, chat with Fr Bernie to find out what might be involved.

News and Notices

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Enrolment Form Due: Mon 8th May
Parent Information Night: Wed 10th May, 7pm in the Parish Hall
Commitment Mass, Meeting & Training Session: Sun 28th May, 10am
Sacrament: Wed 7th June, 7pm
Please collect a form at the back of the church or from St Charles School.



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I Can't Pray (Day Retreat)

What can I do when "the well runs dry" in my life of prayer?
Presenter: Fr Greg Chee, OCD
May 13 @ 9:30am – 4pm
Cost: \$25 (please remember to bring your own lunch). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:45am and 10am

Entering the Heart of God at mid-year

We read and pray the Gospels for the four great Feasts of the middle of the year: Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Presenter: Michele Connolly
May 26 @6:10pm – May 28 @1:30pm
Cost: \$230 (discounts available)

Getting to know Elizabeth

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD
May 26, 6:10pm – May 28: 1:30pm
Cost: \$230 (discounts available)
A time to ponder on the life and teaching of the new Carmelite saint: Elizabeth of the Trinity

MASS TIME CHANGES

As per two previous messages from Fr Bernie, there are some proposed Mass time changes which will soon take effect. From Monday the 1st of May the weekday Masses will change to 9.15. This is to enable the school students (St Charles, St Clare's College and Waverley Junior) who come regularly to our Masses to have time to settle into prayer before the Masses start rather than rushing in once Mass has started. It will also hopefully enable more parents who are rushing around dropping off kids at school to come along also.

As mentioned in the Easter Bulletin, there have been a few requests to change the Sunday Evening Mass to 5pm for the winter months. Having announced this possible change a couple of times at the Sunday Evening Mass and, also publishing the possibility of a change in the bulletin, no objections have been received, so from the 7th of May the Sunday Mass time will be changed to 5pm. Please inform anyone you may know who occasionally comes along to the Sunday night Mass. The Saturday Vigil will remain at 6pm.



Our parish will ask you to support the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** next weekend. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you!

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM



AIRS 30 April
This week on the Journey, Fr Ken Café shares a moving and powerful Gospel Reflection, one of which we can all relate. We are reminded by *Trish McCarthy* in her Milk and Honey section to renew our mind, and *Marilyn Rodrigues*, The Peaceful Parent talks about having a team around us (repeat). This is threaded together carefully with some amazing Christian music artists to help us create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life.

CEMETERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED - MAY

The Cemetery Mass for the deceased will be celebrated in the South Chapel, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium, Botany, on Saturday, 13 May 2017 at 11 am.

CHRISTIANITY ACROSS THE AGES

A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries. Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon
When: 9am-12midday Friday June 2
Entry by voluntary donation
Bookings essential: RSVP by May 26
Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au



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