

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

23rd April 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



In today's first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus is Lord and messiah. The speech follows the pattern of early missionary preaching: an announcement of the arrival of the age of fulfillment; a summary of the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus; recourse to the Old Testament, showing how Jesus fulfilled what it promised; and a call to repentance. During his ministry, Jesus himself appealed to the Jewish belief that the eschatological age of fulfillment would be inaugurated by miracles. Peter asserts that Jesus performed such works. Though he argues that both the Jewish and the Roman officials were responsible for Jesus' death, Peter insists that everything happened according to the plan and with the foreknowledge of God.

This psalm of confidence opens with a declaration of trust that God will protect the psalmist from danger and ultimately from death. The psalm speaks of a covenant relationship with God and the confidence that redounds from it. Two images characterise this relationship: land and cup. In the first, the blessings and promises customarily associated with land are now associated with the Lord. The second refers to the cup that is passed around from which all drink. This unifying cup is really the Lord. The psalmist's entire being is filled with confidence and

gladness in the rescue that God has granted. Such confidence in God may appear to be foolhardy to some, but the psalmist's trust is unshakeable.

The author of 1 Peter looks carefully at the cost of redemption and the responsibilities that accompany it. He reminds his audience that God their 'father' will judge the members of his household according to the merit of their works. This points to the obligation that they have to live the new life in Christ with integrity. They have been ransomed from a futile way of living. The price of this ransom was neither gold nor silver, but the blood of Christ. The death of Christ was not merely a remedy for the state of human sinfulness. Though it was in God's plan from before the foundation of the world, it will be revealed fully in the final age. Thus Christians are exhorted to live with hope.

The report of the encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus may be one of the best known resurrection stories. The disciples were probably returning from the celebration of Passover. At first they do not recognise Jesus. However, they are not reluctant to describe the events of the past few days, and to admit that they had considered Jesus the fulfillment of their messianic expectations. As Jesus shows how the Scriptures really pointed to him, their hearts burn within them. Their religious tradition was being interpreted for them in a new and exciting way. Finally, it is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened, and they recognise Jesus. The revelatory unfolding is now complete.

Month of May - Rosary

Traditionally the month of May is dedicated to Mary.

Please come and join us at 7.00pm on Fridays in May in the citation of the rosary to pray for the intercession of Mary for peace in the world - especially for Ukraine.

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Tony Pitchford
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha & Nancy Permadi	M Prentice, H & F Tay

Parish Calendar		
Apr Mon 24	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 25	8.00am	Mass - (Anzac Day) Church
Wed 26	8.00am	Mass (St Mark) Church
Thu 27	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Easter) Church
Fri 28	8.00am	Mass (St Peter Chanel) Church
Sat 29	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
Sun 30	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (4th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church



2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation

6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
10 May 2023**

First Holy Communion

9.00am Sunday, 11 June 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
25 May 2023**

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm

Saturday 28 October 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
12 October 2023**



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays

10am - 12noon \$6 per session

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Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays

Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm

All parishioners are most welcome

For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Christian Healing Course

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5 - 7 and May 19 - 21

(both weekends are required!).

Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a PREREQUISITE for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'.

If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost for each module is \$65. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further info contact Dan (0409 849 049)."



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Online Rosary During May

In honour of Mary, our Mother, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot.

Contact :

deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com
or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

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

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.' (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 Peter 1:17-21

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

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

The two disciples did not recognise Jesus. But as they walked and talked with him, and listened to him explain the events of the Crucifixion in light of the Scriptures, their hearts began to burn within them.

Has your heart ever burned within you as you recalled something you said or did? What happened?

This story has four parts: they meet; they share stories and listen; they break bread; and they part, knowing they will see one another again. Does this sound like what you often do with your friends? How is it similar?

Do these four movements sound like the Mass? Where is the similarity?

Next Sunday Readings

29/30 April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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