



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

23 APRIL 2023

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)

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 Pet 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24:32

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



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9am – 3pm
Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS



3rd Sunday Easter, 23 April

Saturday 6pm Mass for Holy Spirit Honour for Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Holy Wounds of Jesus Honour for Souls in Purgatory + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for John Randall (RIP) + Martinho Francisco & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Holy Spirit Thanksgiving for Gift of Life + Joao Mao Cheia (RIP Recently) + Divine Mercy Honour for Souls in Purgatory + Joao Tenda (RIP 9th Month Anniversary)

10.30am Baptism of Aston Peter Considine



Monday 24 April – St Fidelis

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group + **7.30pm Mass**



Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day

9am Mass for God the Father Honour for Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 26 April – St Mark

9am Mass for Holy Trinity Honour for Souls in Purgatory

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 27 April – St Louis Grignon De Montfort

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 28 April – St Peter Chanel

9am Mass for Passion of Jesus Honour for Souls in Purgatory

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am Mass at Holton Park Aged Care



Saturday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena

9am Mass for Immaculate Heart of Mary Honour for Souls in Purgatory

4th Sunday Easter, 30 April

Saturday 6pm Mass for Precious Blood of Jesus Honour for Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered for Souls in Purgatory + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival (RIP) + Lucia Vinci (RIP 1st Anniversary) + Souls in Purgatory

FR GABRIEL OF ST MARY MAGDALENE: O Lord, pursue me with Your grace until I give myself entirely to you.



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am

CONFIRMATION: Sunday 20-8-23 at 9am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday
9.30-10am and
5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4th Sunday Easter, 30 April

1st: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd: 1 Pet 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10



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.

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



UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. 1. Is the capital campaign always necessary? Because they did not plan ahead or budget adequately for maintenance and normal wear and tear on church property, they don't have the money when they need it.



FEMALE BENEDICTINE MYSTICS OF THE MIDDLE AGES - ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ST GETRUDE THE GREAT AND OTHERS: Friday 28 – Sunday 30 April 2023.



While monasteries and convents of Benedictine nuns flourished throughout Europe during the entire Middle Ages, the number of writings left to us, in comparison with male Benedictines of the same period, is relatively small. Yet among these writings are many treasures, expressing the life of mystical prayer, remarkable visions and revelations, and an ardent love for God. This weekend will examine the remarkable lives and writings of several medieval Benedictine mystics; Hildegard, Elizabeth of Schönau, Gertrude the Great, and others. Further information and bookings www.newnorcia.com.au.



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: 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".



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE. From the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



MAGI PILGRIMAGES: Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Joseph Abutu. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,340 AUD. Reserve your seats with \$1,000, and by sending a copy of passport. The fare includes Economy Return Airfares on premium Airlines + Stay in 4 star hotels+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 30 April 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.



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 deborahrobertson7@icloud.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.



VOCATION SUNDAY (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) – 30 APRIL 2023: 'Recognise the Voice of Jesus' – A Day of Vocation Reflection. What do you hear Jesus saying to you? We encourage you take time to pray and listen to what Jesus' is saying to you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, come along on Sunday, **30 April 2023, 9.30am to 3pm** and join us for the day (All single men – 17 years and over.). for more details contact us on 08 9279 1310 or stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au.



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





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'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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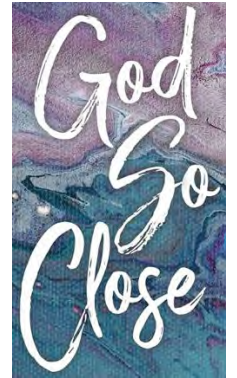
EVERY THURSDAY - MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: Join us every Thursday at 1.05pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth for a half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for half an hour for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For information and further details please contact Jacinta (Director of Music) on music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9223 1377.



A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

By Becky Thompson

- Me:** Okay, God, here's the thing. I'm scared. I'm trying not to be, but I am.
- God:** I know. Want to talk about it?
- Me:** Do we need to? I mean, you already know.
- God:** Let's talk about it anyway... We've done this before.
- Me:** I know, I just feel like I should be bigger or stronger or something by now.
- God:** **Waiting patiently, unhurried, undistracted, never annoyed.**
- Me:** Okay. So, I'm afraid I'll do everything I can to protect my family and it won't be enough. I'm afraid of someone I love dying. I'm afraid the world won't go back to what it was before. I'm afraid my life is always going to feel this unsettled.
- God:** Anything else?
- Me:** **EVERYTHING ELSE.**
- God:** Remember how your daughter woke up the other night and came running down the hall to your bedroom?
- Me:** Yes.
- God:** You were still awake, so when you heard her running, you started calling out to her before she even got to you... remember? Do you remember what you called out to her?
- Me:** I said, "You're okay! You're okay! You're okay! I'm here."
- God:** Why did you call out to her? Why didn't you just wait for her to get to your room?
- Me:** Because I wanted her to know that I was awake, and I heard her, and she didn't have to be afraid until she reached the end of the dark hallway.
- God:** Exactly. I hear you, my child. I hear your thoughts racing like feet down the dark hallway. There's another side to all of this. I'm there already. I've seen the end of it. And I want you to know right here as you walk through it all, you're okay. I haven't gone to sleep, and I won't.
- Me:** **Crying.** Can we sit together awhile? Can we just sit here a minute before I go back to facing it all?
- God:** There's nothing I'd love more.





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OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**



SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. **Amen.**

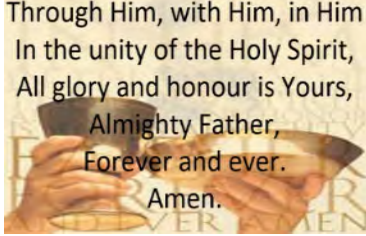



OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. **Amen.**

WEEK 4 22-23 Apr 3 Easter	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Maureen Cooper	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Franca Kalat	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell
WEEK 5 29-30 Apr 4 Easter	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla



Through Him, with Him, in Him
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is Yours,
Almighty Father,
Forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Wednesday Evenings
5.30 – 6.30pm
Friday Mornings
9.30 – 10.30am
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For One Hour
Jesus is Waiting for You





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 the 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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Breaking Open the Word

CHRIST'S FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PLAN

In order to piece a jigsaw together, a great deal of patience is required, as well as the skill of being able to work out the relationship of one piece to the pieces around it. Slowly, large patterns begin to take shape, and so it was with the early Church. In the light of the experience of the Risen Lord, and the catalyst provided by the gift of the Spirit, the first generation of Christians was able to place the life, death and resurrection of Jesus into their proper context. The gift of the Spirit enabled Peter to see that all that had taken place in the life of Jesus was part of a larger plan, and took place with God's foreknowledge. Even Jesus' death was but a preliminary step towards his exaltation and ability to pour out the gift of the Spirit on those who believe.

In a similar vein, Peter saw that promises made before the world began were now fulfilled in Jesus. While the end of days was seen to have already begun, the final pieces of the jigsaw had yet to be put in place. In the meantime, the community was called to remember with gratitude the price Jesus had paid for our freedom, and to live appropriately till the Lord's return.

For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was not an easy matter to see how the pieces of the puzzle of Jesus' life fitted together. As they journeyed, they were helped by the Risen Lord to finally understand the message contained in the Scriptures and to recognise him with them in the breaking of the bread.

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