



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

(or Alleluia!)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!



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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 Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

REFLECTION: 3rd Sunday Easter – The Humble Snagger:

You might have days like this often. We all do once in a while. I remember sometime ago whilst in the seminary, years ago in fact a particularly unpleasant day came my way. The worst thing I do on that day was to get out of bed, that gives you some indication how bad it was. Now as one thing after another went wrong, we as students would come to the end of the day and for me that came up to supper time and I said to myself and in fact I said to God “Its supper time”. Great! Now all I have got is the time for prayer in common then there is compline – ie Night Prayer. Then I can go to bed and this whole entire day, rotten day is over. It was with somewhat of a sigh of relief that I thought of that. I cannot tell you how rotten that day was. I got into supper, and it was a miracle that not all the food from lunch time was not consumed by the hungry, hollow legged fellow seminarians as supper consisted of lunch leftovers and a salad and fruit. But on this particular day we must not have many leftovers there. So, Sister Liz in the kitchen must have put together some grilled sausages to supplement. I like BBQ sausages. I looked at those glistening

sausages in the Bain Marie and I can tell you I could have cried and kissed Sr Liz’s boots. For my money there was God saying to me “It’s been a rotten day hasn’t it. Look get those snaggers into you, it will make you feel so much better.” There was God for my money in an act of kindness. But now its some 35 years and that I haven’t forgotten. I wonder how many BBQ meals are going to come your way? How many times has God put some little thing into your life and hoped you might just see “That’s God saying I know I love you”. Perhaps its something that was not going to work out, and it worked out – that’s “God, I know you”. “I love you”. Perhaps like me God decreed to put something lovely on the take in you and it smacked all over of “I love you”. Sometimes I think they are the most beautify words we can hear when God goes to no end of trouble or to say it over and over again “I love you.”

WORKING WITH CHILDREN (WWC) –

SAFEGUARDING: Dear Parishioners, I have been advised by the Archbishop’s Office and the Authority that an audit of Parish records pertaining to the compliance of Safeguarding, WWC Regulations will be conducted very shortly. In spite of my numerous public appeals via the Parish Bulletin, many of our volunteers who serve the Parish, working generously in the name of the Church have yet to renew their WWC Card. Possibly there is a lack of understanding to the scope of who requires to comply to the mandatory regulations. I offer you the following argument and scenario “As a volunteer in my parish I don’t have anything to do with children directly or

indirectly. My sole service to my fellow parishioners is to man the ‘power point’ at Mass. The parishioner may not have direct contact with children but as a child or a minor may be present in the congregation at any time, the volunteer is required to have the mandatory clearance ie a current Working with Children Card in order to enable them offer service. Other examples. I am a Lector / Welcomer at Mass (ie Reader / Commentator), I am involved in the Music ministry. Do I need a WWC card? Yes, you are required. Again, I am an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist. I serve the celebrant and parishioners who present themselves to receive Holy Communion at Mass. I also go out to the “shut ins” in their private residences and or the aged care facilities and take them Holy Communion. The volunteer is required to have a current WWC card. Please note, ALL paid employees of the Parish are required to hold both a current National Police Clearance and a WWC card. Alas these are the times we live in. The Church wishes to protect its generous people and those who come in faith and trust to the Church. The Archdiocese upholds and supports fully the civil Authority’s laws in this matter. We all wish to keep our churches and places of Education safe for minors and all people. If you have overlooked the renewal of your WWC Card, please do so with great haste. Please have your renewals processed before 30 April 2024. Noncompliance will be viewed and dealt severely by the Authority. Penalty includes \$60,000 fine or up to 5 years imprisonment.



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MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS: Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's during FEBRUARY: 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, **5 May 2024**, calling all interested males from the age of 17 years and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and **'look and see'**. Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website:

www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day... **"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit"** – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.

OLMC School Term 2: We welcome back to school this Monday 15 April School Principal, Staff and Students. We wish you all well for Term Two. Parishioners please be mindful of car and human traffic in the mornings and afternoons!

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: Our prayers and congratulations to Reverend Jason Yeap and Reverend Errol Lobo on the occasion of their forthcoming Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday 19 April at St Mary's Cathedral. Please pray for

them and please continue to pray for further vocations.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Monday night's 7-9pm. All welcome ...

MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday Easter – 14 April

6pm Mass: Maria & Martin De Sousa (RIP) & Michael McIntosh (RIP)

7.30am Mass: Teodoro & Marlon Nadela (Ann), Jose Reis Goncalves (RIP), Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

9am Mass: Blessed Trinity Honour, Domenica Raffael (1st Ann), Jose Reis Goncalves (RIP & Bday)

Monday 15 April

OLMC School Term 2 Begins

Tuesday 16 April

9am Mass: Maria & Martin De Sousa (RIP) & Michael McIntosh (RIP), Franko & Maria Gavranich (Ann), Denis Gavranich (Ann)

Wednesday 17 April

9am Mass: Manuel Messias (RIP)

Thursday 18 April

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

Friday 19 April

9am Mass: Maria & Martin De Sousa (RIP) & Michael McIntosh (RIP)

Saturday 20 April

9am Mass: Maria & Martin De Sousa (RIP) & Michael McIntosh (RIP)

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, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich.

PRIEST and SECRETARY

TEMPORARY OFFICE: Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

"TIME TO CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD":

St Charles Seminary



GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan