



Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was 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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

14 April 2024

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

or:

(R.) *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

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.

Gospel Acclamation See 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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MASS TIMES (English):
 Vigil Mass 5:00pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am
 Weekdays:
 Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9:00am
 Wednesday 6:00pm
VIETNAMESE MASS
 Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 5.30pm
RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
 or anytime on request
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
 Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Offered to those in need on 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am
 Bookings are necessary
Parish Pastoral Council:
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COVID-19 is still around, please use sanitiser when you enter the church.
ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in any diocesan events, please collect a copy of the additional bulletin at the back of the church.
BEQUEST OF REV FR JOHN FRANCIS O'KEEFE Fr. John who passed into his eternal reward on 17th September 2023, has bequeathed to St. Mary Queen of heaven parish the picture of the parish church painted in January 1991. This picture is now proudly hanging in our parish office. The family of Fr John have also offered seven funeral booklets. If you would like a copy, please collect it from Fr. Peter
NEW TAP DEVICES are now installed at both entrances to the church. You can now select donation amount according to your preference. Making donations through monthly Credit Card withdrawal or weekly plan-giving envelopes will enable you to receive a 30% Tax Deductible Receipt.

GOLDEN OLDIES - BUS TRIP - 1 MAY
 Belgenny Farm is worth a visit - the 'Home Farm' of the Macarthur dynasty, granted to John Macarthur in 1805, holds the oldest set of intact farm buildings in Australia. **Cost \$40** per person, includes morning tea and guided tour and bus. **Lunch:** at own expense at a venue TBC. To reserve your booking please provide your contact details on an envelope (collect from near the sacristy) along with \$40 per person and place in the collection box near the sacristy. No verbal bookings. Any enquiries to Lorraine 9724 9519.
PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES AND BOXES Please bring them as soon as possible and place them on the weekly collection plates together with your weekly offering. The money donated will be used by Caritas Australia for a variety of their charitable projects. Thank you.
BIBLE STUDY Our next night will be on Wednesday, 17 April at 6:30pm. If

you have any questions, please contact Grace on 0450 757 377.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We'd like to restart the youth group at St Mary's. Youth leaders are needed! Must be 18+ and have a WWCC. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Grace on 0450 757 377.

ST MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN'S ANNIVERSARIES

We are so blessed to be a part of this beautiful community and it is fitting that we celebrate our milestones. We are planning to celebrate the anniversary of the appointment of the first parish priest and dedication of the church together on Sunday 16 June 2024 - 10am Mass followed by feast

Memories - Parishioners are invited to share their memories – a template is available at the back of the church with suggestions of the type of information you might like to provide.

Photos - we are hoping to collate historical photos—do you have any sacramental (or other) group photos that you can share with the parish?

Please forward any memories or photos to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

2024 FAMILY MASSES Date cards for the remaining family Masses have been printed and can be collected from the back of the church.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER The new altar servers will begin serving at Weekend Masses this weekend. The roster will be shared with all parents via email and a copy can be found on the noticeboard near the sacristy. We welcome these children and look forward to watching them grow in confidence and service to the parish.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION. The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land took place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land as well as support and maintenance of Christian Places. If you have missed this collection and would like to contribute, the donation envelopes are still available from the back of the church. Simply place on any collection plate with your weekly offering. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

PLANNED GIVING & CREDIT CARD DONATION forms are now at the back of the church for any parishioners who wish to join the donation program.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP Thursday mornings during the school term, from 8:45am-10:15am, in the School Hall. Meet at 8.45am at the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: Natalie Goetz natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au or the school office.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 02 9390 5810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
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Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
April 13/14 - Third Sunday of Easter, Year B							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Zenna Azar	Brian Kurrle	Eileen Stevenson Barbara Kains	Chaben Azar	Charlie Delfino Zoe Azar	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Carmen Heredia	Coorey Family	Jenny Freeburn Veronica Denning	Bernie Freeburn	Nicholas Coorey Daniela Lukunic	Gabriele Serratore Elizabeth Tobaji
10.00 am Sun		Cramp Family	Alex Driessen	Maurice Gili Alex Driessen	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem Marcus Kasparian	Isabella Maamari Abie Khalil
April 20/21 - Third Sunday of Easter, Year B							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Elaine Nehme	Yvette Nehme	Pauline Tonkli Zenna Azar	Chaben Azar	Gabriel Azar Braedon Thymakis	Anthony Torbay Jakob Thymakis
8.00 am Sun		Danuta Maka	Carmen Heredia	Veronica Denning Karen Worley	Mike Anderson	Lucas Ross Nicholas Coorey	Harry Ross Daniela Lukunic
10.00 am Sun		Alex Driessen	Cramp Family	Alex Driessen Maurice Gili	Andrew Driessen	William Amicucci Tiana Daou	Eliane Mardini Brandon Daou



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick
 Judith Van Baardwyk, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Diane Small, Jayden Turk, Joseph Akkary, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Robert Sanders, John Smallwood, Tony Strambio



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died
 Herman Reinke, Nilda & Roberto, Filomena Auditore, Teresa, Maria, John the Baptist1, John the Baptist2, Eddie Counihan, Tom Counihan, George Stevenson, Robert Lawler, Ancrea, Trevor Newton, Ross Graham, Lise Goetz, Max Graham, Hillary + Rita + their sons, Nabill + Bahia + Elias + Eilie Maroun, Norma Younane, Raemanos + Wadia Nehme, Youssef + Martha + Chalitta + Issetteye Tannous, Marina Safer, Halina Donarska, Ennio Fattore
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*