



Third Sunday of Easter

14th / 15th April

Parish Administrator

Fr Martin Cruickshank

Parish Office

Fran Kernaghan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Phone: 02 6025 1516

Email: sacredheartna@gmail.com

Web: <http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com/>

Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES:

This coming week: Tuesday and Wednesday only at 9.30am.

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00am Mass at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



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His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us.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. (Fr Michael Tate)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Simon, Philip Liston, Heidi Yonson, Christopher Eades, Wilma O'Neill, Jill Webster, Jack Dempsey, Noel Wighton, Gordon Lawson, Judith Maddison/Corrigan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ted Goodgar, Annie Goodgar, Carmen Dosenko, Jean Thompson, Bob Hamblin, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Larry Foley, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Danniell Pearson-Wainwright, Les Stewart, Elio Corte,

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 14th / 15th April		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Ray Murtagh
Lector 2	Barbara Godde	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim and Kaye Deanshaw	Mary Lefevre Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh
Cantor		Catherine C & Judy L.
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon Cleaning Group: Group 7		

Sat /Sun: 21st / 22nd April		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Leanne Michael
Lector 1	Colleen Day	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Volunteer please	Kansas Michael MACE Sisters Carey Menz-Dowling
Cantor	John Van Lint	Bernadette and Wendy
Musicians	Mary Hunt	
Counters: Jane Togher & Desmon Lum Cleaning Group: Group 1		

An Emmaus Road Blessing

**May the Risen Christ meet
you on the road,**

Lead you into all truth,

Guide you on your path.

**May the Risen Christ feed you
and sustain you,**

Fill you with His presence,

Equip you by His Spirit.

**May the Risen Christ go with
you today,**

**Be with you through this
week,**

**May you dwell with Christ
forever.**

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis): **'When we have reached the lowest point of our misery and our weakness, the Risen Christ gives us the strength to rise again.'**

Parish News

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us: *“God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.”*

Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

A Parish Mission will be conducted by the Fathers of Mercy, USA in Holy Spirit Parish, 550 Prune St., Lavington, from Sunday 29 April to Thursday 3 May. Gathering times and topics listed on church noticeboard. Brochures available.

A special leaving collection after communion will be taken up next weekend to assist in the payment of our Diocesan Education of Priests Levy which this financial year is \$8,202.60. Please contribute as you are able.

First Communion Lessons

Children not enrolled at St Anne’s Primary School and who wish to make their 1st Communion (on 30th June) lessons will be running on Mondays for 6 weeks at Sacred Heart Hall, beginning 21st May, 2018. Please phone Sacred Heart parish office on 6025 1516 to enrol.

Meditation Day

An introduction to Centering Prayer Saturday 12th May, 9.30am—3.30pm. Nagle Room, ErinEarth, Kildare Ave, Wagga Wagga. Morning tea and ‘all day’ tea/coffee/water available. BYO Lunch. Cost donation only. Contact Sr Carmel Wallis carmel.wallis@preswagga.org.

Centering Prayer is simply a wordless, trusting opening of self to the Diving Presence—listening to God.

Congratulations are extended to Jacinta Maloney and Simon Pollard who enter into the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May they continue to enjoy and share with each other God’s many blessings.

We welcome into the community of the church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend Isaac John Robinson, son of Patrick and Gabrielle.

Fr. Bernie Moylan’s Sermon.

Copies have been made of the homily Fr. Moylan gave at Fr. Kevin’s funeral Mass. They are available for collection in the church this weekend.

Project Compassion

Your generous support for Project Compassion helps end poverty, promote justice and upholds dignity. Please return outstanding boxes / envelopes and additional contributions as soon as possible so that our final parish contribution can be forwarded to Caritas Australia.

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

*God of Love, Source of all hope and good things;
You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.*

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday of Easter—Year B

Readings: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2: 1-5 ; Luke 24: 35-48

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord, let your face shine on us. God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

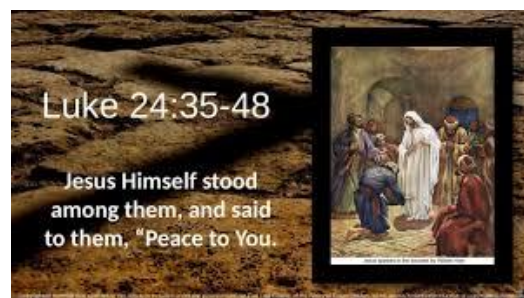
This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

(Greg Sunter)



All music used in worship at Sacred Heart, North Albury, is used with permission. All rights reserved. One License No A640613.