

23 April 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



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 .

First Reading

from the Acts of the
Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 2:14, 22-33

Response: Lord, you will
show us the path of life.

Second Reading

from the first letter of
St Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord
Jesus, make your word
plain to us: make our
hearts burn with love
when you speak. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to

Luke 24:13-35

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized
the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread,
alleluia.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

Companions on the Journey

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues.

Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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Mass times

Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

Reconciliation at 11am every Saturday

Adoration Prayer every Saturday
at 9:30-10:30am after 9am Mass

Healing Mass: First Saturday: 9am

Alliance of 2 Hearts: First Friday: 7.30pm

Maori Mass: First Sunday: 2pm

Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even
months at 12pm

Philipino Mass: Third Sunday: 11.15am

Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday: 2pm
Devotion, Confession, Mass.

Children's Mass: Fifth Sunday at 9.30am

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Phyllis Cooper, Emmanuel Vella, Hugh Madden, June Wrightman.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Young, Maria Lourdes Inandan, Anthony Binny, Fr Tadgh,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Bulletin Notices

Evangelisation and the Acts of the Apostles Bible Study with Dr Mary Healy Begins Friday April 28 at 10:00 am OR Tuesday May 2 at 7:30pm. Cost:\$20 for Course Materials. You are invited to attend this Bible Study DVD series, where we study the Acts of the Apostles and explore topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelise, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ and techniques from St Paul to reach a secular culture. Register via the parish office on 96037373 or M: 0434 705 176.

Fundraising News: Our fundraising team will host a “High Tea” in the parish on Sunday 7 May. The cost will be \$15 per person for morning tea. The cakes can be purchased for those who prefer to take something home. If you would like to help the fundraising team by donating food items or are able to assist on the day please contact the parish office this week.

Fundraising Cash Raffle: We will be selling raffle tickets in our annual major raffle to be drawn at the parish feast day on 16 July. Tickets will be sold after Mass and books of tickets are available to take home and sell.

Sacramental Preparation dates are now available on the parish website. Preparation for First Holy Communion commences on Saturday 6 May at 4pm. Registration to the parish office is essential for anyone wishing to make their Sacraments this year.

Anointed: MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive, 24-28 May; Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship, generously sharing the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info & register: www.trybooking/CFBRF.

Ageing with Confidence – Free Information Sessions 9.00am-12.30pm

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a FREE information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor. On Wed 10 May at Campbelltown RSL. Morning tea provided. To register **Call:** 02 4227 1122 **Or online:** <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/>. For any other information contact Jane Hollier:
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The Journey Weekly Podcast; Fr Mike Delaney’s gospel reflection, do we want despair or hope? Mother Hilda on Jesus’ question: who do you say I am? Fr James Mellon talks about Divine Renovation, plus results from a survey of young people on their faith beliefs. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.