

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

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

Response:

Lord, you will show us the
path of life.

Second Reading from the
first letter of 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.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Parish Notices



Alpha There's a seat for you at the table. You're Invited Starting in our Parish on Tuesday 21 April at 6:45 for 7pm dinner Come See night Invite family, friends, work colleagues & neighbours

We encourage everyone to pray this prayer

“Lord, today is there someone You want me to connect with outside the Church?”
You will be surprised what God can do!

Alpha is a tool we use to evangelise in our parish to move from “maintenance to mission.” Let's all make an effort to grow our parish so please invite new people and also support us by providing food for our guests.

There are lists in the foyer to place your name. We also plan on running a Friday night Alpha from 5.30-7pm that caters for parents and children. If you're able to join our team to help in any way please contact us. For more details Contact Paul & Loriana 0412 216 589 or Martin & Violeti 0404 949 474

St Patrick's College. Open day- Saturday 2 May 10am-2pm, Prospective families are invited to attend our College Open Day and experience our welcoming community. Tour the campus, explore our learning spaces and meet our students and staff.

Pastoral Care Team will not be meeting again until Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are in need of a member of the Pastoral Care Team to visit please advise the Parish Office.

Life in the Spirit Seminar The Monday Bible Study & Reflection Group invites you to attend a 9 week series each Monday at 10am in the parish meeting room. For more information and to register please call Nellie on 0411 965 526.

The Filipino & Friends Parish Community Association (FFPCA) based at Mary Immaculate Parish, Eaglevale is inviting you to attend their 2026 movie fundraiser at 6.15pm on wed 6 May at Dumaresque St Cinema in Campbelltown. The movie will be “The Devil Wears Prada 2”. Tickets costs \$25 pp. To reserve tickets email ffpca1995@gmail.com or call 0413799628.

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Fiesta Committee meeting on Monday 20 April at 7.30pm.. We are calling for people to help join the organising committee for our Fiesta which will be held on 19 July this year.

Our Filipino Mass is on today at 11.15am

Childrens Ministry gathering will be held next Sunday 26 April at 3pm. All primary aged children are welcome to join for a lively afternoon of fun activities.

Palms International Volunteering is holding two special online webinars for parishioners to discern a global mission assisting our human family. The first takes place on Thursday 30 April where past Palms volunteers will discuss the impact of their missions, while the second on Thursday 21 May includes a live crossing to Timor Leste, meeting volunteers in the field.

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events. April Session: Discover Palms Online! Date: Thursday 30 April 2026 at 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

Prayer intentions: Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic, Mercy Espiritu, Vladdy Mher Peralta, Pausumu Olaaiga, Bill Scibberas, Bernie Briscoe, Barbara Hughes, Clark Hughes

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.

For our recently departed Eileen Butcher
Anniversaries that occur at this time: Hilda Young
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Parish Office: Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm
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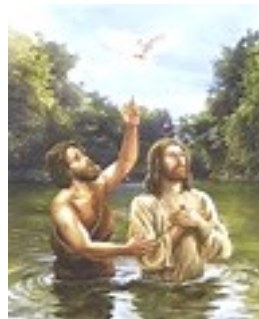
We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people.

May we too be good stewards of this land.

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.