

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 the 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.**

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

23 APRIL 2023

CHRIST'S FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PLAN

In order to piece a jigsaw together, a great deal of patience is required, as well as the skill of being able to work out the relationship of one piece to the pieces around it. Slowly, large patterns begin to take shape, and so it was with the early Church. In the light of the experience of the Risen Lord, and the catalyst provided by the gift of the Spirit, the first generation of Christians was able to place the life, death and resurrection of Jesus into their proper context. The gift of the Spirit enabled Peter to see that all that had taken place in the life of Jesus was part of a larger plan, and took place with God's foreknowledge. Even Jesus' death was but a preliminary step towards his exaltation and ability to pour out the gift of the Spirit on those who believe.

In a similar vein, Peter saw that promises made before the world began were now fulfilled in Jesus. While the end of days was seen to have already begun, the final pieces of the jigsaw had yet to be put in place. In the meantime, the community was called to remember with gratitude the price Jesus had paid for our freedom, and to live appropriately till the Lord's return.

For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was not an easy matter to see how the pieces of the puzzle of Jesus' life fitted together. As they journeyed, they were helped by the Risen Lord to finally understand the message contained in the Scriptures and to recognise him with them in the breaking of the bread.

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, / for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. / So my heart was glad / and my tongue cried out with joy: / my body, too, will rest in the hope / that you will not abandon my soul to Hades / nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. / You have made known the way of life to me, / you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

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

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

■ **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!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 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



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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Third Sunday of Easter

23 April 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently Deceased: Julian Micallef

Death Anniversary: Ellen Mary Broderick, Jonathan Ellsmore, Michael John Hanna, Anthony Khoury, Jacki Boyce, Antony Hogan, Mildred Hogan

Deceased: Suzanne Seah, Selwyn Jackson, Jan Wiczorkowski, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Marie Cummins, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayon

Sick: Dante Jr, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Lyn Crown, Burkhart Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Mark 26th April, Saint Peter Chanel 28th April, Saint Catherine of Siena 29th April

PARISH NEWS:

- ***This weekend we will have a special appeal to support the St Joseph Lumezi Nursing School and Provincial Hospital in Zambia.*** Initiated by Dr Mark Hanley, a General Practitioner & long-time parishioner here at St Kevin's, donations to this appeal will help provide the much-needed textbooks, equipment, hospital beds and other essential items for the ongoing establishment of the nursing school and hospital in Zambia. See poster for details or visit: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/docs-gift-to-zambia/> to read the full article. Dr Hanley will say a few words about this appeal at all Masses this weekend.
- ***Sacrament of Confirmation Information Evening for Parents/Guardians*** will be held on *Tues, 2nd May, 7pm in the church. Candidates must be in Year 6 or above and have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. For more info visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/confirmation/>.*
- Next Baptism Information Session will be on *Tues 2nd May at 8pm in the parish office.*

- ***SAVE THE DATE: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC) Training, Parish Hall, Wednesdays, July 19, 26 & Aug 2 from 6pm-9pm.*** All current EMOHC and Senior Altar Servers who haven't done this course from the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office are ***strongly encouraged to participate.*** Copy of baptism certificate required. This course is a pre-requisite to all Senior Altar Servers who wish to take the Acolytes course (date TBA). COST: FREE. More details to follow. For more info contact the parish office at 9874 2533.

Let us commemorate ANZAC Day by praying for those who had faithfully served and sacrificed their lives for our country. ANZAC DAY MASS, Tues 25th April at 7.30am. Please wear medals...bring voices and memories, and Anzac biscuits to share for morning tea after Mass. Parish volunteers needed to help serve morning tea. Thank you!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:*** Presented by Charbel Raish of Parousia Media, starting 7th May—25th June at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Parish School Hall) 191, Cox's Rd. North Ryde. This 8-week Bible study will commence after the Sunday 5pm Mass (6:15pm-7:45pm). See poster for details. Scan the QR code to register. Enquiries: Rico Rivera 0422 526 458
- ***Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima – Sat 13th May at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy - Penrose Park*** (120 Hanging Rock Rd, Sutton Forest). Van for 11 people will pick up and drop off at St Michael's Meadowbank carpark. Van to leave at 8:15am from Meadowbank. Travel time: 1hr 35min. Cost: \$45/pp for 10 or \$41/pp for 11. Celebration starts at 10am (Confession, Adoration, Rosary). Mass at 11am. BYO lunch. 1:30pm Exposition & Procession to the Grotto followed by Devotions, concluding at 3pm. To book and pay: Contact Jim Lemcke Ph 9801 4202 or Rose Dearden at 0431 255 482 or Email: rdearden77@outlook.com
- ***Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course:*** 20-21st May 2023 at St Christopher's Church, Holsworthy (195 Heathcote Rd). The course will provide opportunity for formation from marriage experts, time for reflection, couple discussion and reception of the sacraments. Register by May 10 at www.trybooking.com/CGMSP.
- The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to the ***May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sat 13th May, Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia.*** Entrance Procession to commence at 11.30am followed by Holy Mass at noon. For enquiries contact 0403 578 994.
- ***Camino of St Joseph - Overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men:*** Starts Fri 28th Apr 8:30pm, at St Mary's Cathedral. Pilgrimage across 9 churches. Concludes Sat 29th Apr, 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield w/ Mass followed by BBQ breakfast. See poster or visit the parish website for info. Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



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, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.