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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

17th/18th April, 2021

God became Human....

Can you imagine a God incarnated like one of us in any other world religion? A God who went through all the physical, emotional, psychological challenges? A God who invited us to touch him, and asking food from his disciples and eating before them. I am wondering about our God; down to earth with all the human experiences.....

Those disciples – they're so slow to catch on to what the Risen Jesus is saying. Time after time, their faith is shaken. Their certainty fades. They second-guess themselves. Even when Jesus appears before their very eyes, they are confused or afraid or overwhelmed.

I can understand their reaction. In some ways, I'm a lot like them. At times my faith is as strong as an oak tree, with deep roots and filled with energy and life. But then life gets a little unpredictable. All of a sudden I lose my bearings and the doubts creep in. Where is God in those moments? I feel so alone. What if I have to face the world all by myself?

To help the disciples find the strength and courage they need to carry on, Jesus relies on ordinary things. Food. Touch. Conversation. Telling the story of why he lived and died. And reminding them about the role they are to play in all that is taking place. "You are witnesses of these things," he says.

Witnesses are more than passive bystanders. They are the people who tell others what has happened and what it all means. The disciples' mission is to keep the faith alive and growing so that, all these centuries later, we who hear the story of Christ's suffering and resurrection become witnesses to these things, too.

Anne Louise Mahoney

"St. Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that went to make up his life."

Blessed Josemaria Escriva

Weekend Masses

Mass bookings for weekend masses are still required.

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

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

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading

John 2:1-5

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, April 19th

Mass 6:30am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, April 21st

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, April 22nd

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, April 23rd

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, April 24th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 24th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, April 25th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN
FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Annie Preston and William Hurle. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Twist and Cooney families as they celebrate the baptism of Zac and Reagan this weekend and with the Zowtyj and Donnelly families as they celebrated the baptisms of Thomas and Tessa last weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, April 20th

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 20th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

The parish would like to invite all children, in Year 4 and above, who have been Confirmed in the Catholic tradition, to prepare for their First Communion. The program begins with a parent session. These will be held at St Joachim's church on Wed 5 and Thurs 6 May from 6.30pm. Enrolment registration closes on **Friday 23 April** and spaces are strictly limited. To secure your place RSVP to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 100013625 A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish.



ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

Keep an eye out for our Donation Tap machines. These machines are contactless so very safe in these COVID times. Simply tap your credit card and wait for the beep to make your donation. Each tap will donate \$10 towards our Parish.

The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

HOW TO USE THE PARISH APP



1. Open the camera app and scan the QR code at the Church entrance and follow the link to the Giving Website
2. Log in or create an account
3. Tap on find nearest Parish
4. Tap on Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish
5. Enter your chosen amount and card details and click on submit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CRUCIFIX PROJECT



Pope Francis sums up the importance of a crucifix in the life of a Catholic - "The crucifix is not just a symbol or a wall decoration, it is the entire expression of the love God, who sent his Son to die for us for our sins."; "The image of Jesus crucified reveals the mystery of the death of the Son as the supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all times."

The Crucifix Project is the idea of retired couple from the bayside who have decided they would like to make good quality crucifixes for families to have in their home. The cost is \$20 each. A sample will be on show on the gifts table in churches this weekend for parishioners to look at. If you are interested, please ring the parish office. We will place one order and have them delivered to office for collection.

RETREAT DAY AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sunday, 25th April 2021 from 10.45am – 4pm at St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, Order Founder and Author. Commencing with Mass at 11am, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book "Mary Disciple and Mother" by Bishop Brian Finnigan. Car park available on Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome. For information contact Paul on 0417 104 460.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK CHILDREN'S ART ACTIVITY

This year's Children's Art Activity for National Child Protection Week encourages us to talk to children and young people about what they think is important in their neighbourhoods. The activity ties in with this year's theme that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go' because 'To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy'. If you love chatting with children and young people about their ideas (either through your work or family or friends), please join us in creating artworks about our local communities. Ideally, we are looking for collaborative artworks, but individual entries will also be most welcome.

Entries received before 4 May will go in the running for a range of small prizes. For more information, visit the NAPCAN website where you can download the Children's Art Activity flyer. If you have particular questions, please feel free to email us on contact@napcan.org.au.

APPEAL FOR TIMOR LESTE FLOOD VICTIMS

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of devastating floods in Timor Leste. There is an urgent need for food, clean water and medicine. Donations can be made via their website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au or <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste>. Donations are tax deductible.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Each year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagara people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

Grab rails, grab bars and other aids for aged care in and around the home. Mount Gravatt/Holland Park Areas

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