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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Year A

April 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### **...the breaking of bread**

For many centuries, Christian awareness has not been focused as it should be, on all that the Saviour's Resurrection means in the life of the Church. That the Church lives through 'the power of the resurrection' was the central truth preached by the apostolic Church. This is clearly illustrated in today's readings. The manifesto proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost hinges on this truth – the resurrection is pointed to as unassailable evidence that it is intervention of the God of Israel's faith that is being announced; but more than that, established 'at God's right hand' the Risen Christ now bestows the Holy Spirit on the infant Church and sends it forth on its mission. In the Letter of Peter, probably written shortly before his martyrdom, Peter takes up the same theme – the Saviour has been 'raised from the dead and given glory' so that believers may share in his new life through their 'faith and hope in God'.

Luke's account of what took place on the road to Emmaus inspires us each time we hear it. It is told, that later generations of believers may share the experience the first disciples of Jesus, as they learned to make the Risen Lord the centre of their lives. Their finding of faith is a reversal of all that their earthly expectations had looked forward to: 'Our hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free'. The fulfilment of their hopes was not to be a political triumph, but a messiah who drew close to them at sunset on the dusty road of their disappointment. Recognising him called for a change of heart: coming to know – through the full message of the Scriptures – the ways of God, so different from the ways of worldly wisdom. It is through a renewed appreciation of the great drama recorded in the Scriptures that the Church will find the strength it needs to face today's challenges. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Jesus Christ' – words as true today as they were when they were first written by St Jerome in the 4th century. Touched by the message that makes their hearts 'burn within them', they ask the stranger to stay in their company. How easily, in the bustle of our lives, we pass up the opportunity to enter more deeply into the relationships and special moments that can nourish our faith.

In the end, it is in 'the breaking of bread' that the eyes of faith are fully opened for them, and they joyfully accept the Saviour and enter upon the revolutionary way he has opened up for them. As we strive to give the Eucharist the central place it should have in our relationship with our Risen Lord, it is important to recognise that it is, before all else, in our conscious participation in the Eucharistic action ('Do this in remembrance of me') that this gift of the Saviour will be the great source of the Church's life – enabling us to bring our lives, our needs, and the needs of all God's people, to the Father, as we are caught up by the Saviour into his great self-offering. Veneration of the reserved sacrament - a venerable practice in our Western Church - should not detract from the supreme importance of the Mass; it should, we are told in today's official teaching, increase our hunger to 'take and eat'.

In the joy and wonder of their new-found faith, the two disciples 'set out that instant' to rejoin 'the Eleven and their companions' in Jerusalem. It is in a vital Christian community that we will find the support and confirmation we need in our journey of faith.

John Thornhill sm

### READINGS FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'People 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 and sisters, 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.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

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

#### Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

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.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 24:13 – 35

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.

Acts 2:14, 22-23

## PARISH NEWS

### SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality this weekend after the 6:00pm (Saturday evening includes sausage sizzle), 7:30am and 9:00am masses on Sunday.

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to become an Altar Server at St Joachim's or St Agnes? If you have received the sacrament of First Communion and you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, **join us for a training session at St Agnes' church on Friday 5 May from 5.00pm**. To RSVP or for more information please contact Rachel at [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or call the parish office on 07 3349 2280

I would like to thank you all for your support of my brother priests in their work in the MCBS missions. Your generosity, through your farewell gifts to me, is truly appreciated.

With God's blessings,  
Fr Jason



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT RSL ANZAC DAY SERVICE

March commences at 6:50am from the corner of Logan Road and Barter Avenue to be followed by a service at the Memorial Hall in Arnold Street at approx 7:20am. Refreshments will follow the service, everyone is invited.

### AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT EXPLAINED - FR FRANK BRENNAN

Presented by Toowong Parish on Thursday 27 April, from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong or via livestream on the St Ignatius parish website.

Fr Frank Brennan sj has recently published a book "An Indigenous Voice to Parliament - Considering a constitutional bridge". Drawing on his extensive experience with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Fr Frank takes readers on a journey that has led us to this decisive moment in Australian history. An Indigenous Voice to Parliament outlines this long journey. Importantly, Frank proposes additional ideas for discussion and presents both the 'Yes' and 'No' cases, enabling all Australians to be better informed before casting their vote. An Indigenous Voice to Parliament is a topical and informed analysis of this current debate and is an ideal resource for those wanting to understand what an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament will actually mean. Full details are on the noticeboards.

If any parishioner is interested in going and would like a lift please give the Parish Office a call.

### CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 10:30am, this event will provide a comprehensive insight into the life of the college. Please register online at [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au) via the Enrolments tab or by calling 3347 9275.

### QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER - PASTORAL SKILLS TRAINING COURSE

Learning the Language of Healing – Skills for Pastoral Care Our culture does not teach us to listen. This 36 hour course is aimed at developing skills to be more effective in our relationship with those who we minister to. This course is being held over 2 weekends, Fri – Sun at St Mathews Anglican Church, Holland Park. If you would like to know more there is an introductory Zoom meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> commencing 7:00pm. To register go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldumtqjkyEt3T-EzN0LCFY9V8a2i5EMUa#/registration>

For dates and cost there is a brochure on the noticeboards. For further information you can contact Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher: 0417 017 704 or email [marian.z@bigpond.com](mailto:marian.z@bigpond.com) or Rev David Baker, 0418 880 601 or email [gensec@qct.org.au](mailto:gensec@qct.org.au)

## Parish Diary

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

Sunday, Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am St Agnes  
Mass 6:00pm St Agnes

Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

### Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese

#### Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

##### Priority Three: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre

"The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America (and Australia) to Africa, Asia and Latin America...

Certainly in the Archdiocese the presence of people who have come from overseas – from Vietnam, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, India, Sri Lanka, Latin America, Africa – is growing stronger...

These large and growing communities have gifts for the whole Church, and increasingly the centre of gravity in the Church here is moving in their direction. Therefore, they have to be brought more to centre-stage in the life and mission of the Archdiocese, since much of the real spiritual energy in the Church here is found among them.

This again will involve significant cultural change for the whole Church in this part of the world."

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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera 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.

### 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.



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