

Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Sunday, 14th April 2024

“Food is a gift of God given to all creatures for the purposes of life's nurture, sharing, and celebration. When it is done in the name of God, eating is the earthly realization of God's eternal communion-building love”.



“The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter encourage us to truly believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to accept his love. In the gospel the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and helps them understand his death and resurrection by sharing a meal and explaining the scripture prophecies about his suffering, resurrection and affirming their roles as witnesses.

A chat over a meal could transform one's life, and that is what happened in the encounter of Jesus with the two of his earliest followers (Disciples of Emmaus). Their hospitality led to a theophany. The normality of eating gave the disciples overwhelming joy and the experience of the risen Jesus.

Now, the disbelief, fear, frightand every negative feeling is gone in the hearts and minds of the disciples. Commenting on Jesus revealing himself at the dinner table, Jessica Brodie says that there is something relaxing about the fellowship of the table. There, “people are calm, unhurried, there to fill their bellies and rest after a hard day. It is a place of intimacy and friendship, a place where relationships are strengthened. Perhaps this is a metaphor for the church and the sort of evangelism Jesus knew would spread best – rooted in relationships, person to person. Second, the table is a “regular” place, a fixture of daily life. Perhaps this represents the way Jesus wants people to know Him:



on a basic, core, everyday level, practical and authentic, not fancy, or fussy or only for a certain class or rank.”

The disciples now energized, embark on a journey of sharing the experience for the rest of their lives. This is what happens in the breaking of bread in the Mass as we gather around the altar with all our mixed feelings and experiences. We are healed, nourished, transformed, and renewed. Jesus comes to us, and we are filled with energy and new possibility, and the joy of the resurrection. We can have a new life, and we can be born again and again right now at any venue. Let us keep moving and chart new adventures, because Jesus walks beside us on the road of life's journey.

“In our lives the common cup of coffee or tea can often be a time to think, to assess, to regroup, to regain control, to re-establish a relationship, to deepen a friendship, to listen, or to offer advice. It can be the space in which we begin to process very good or very bad news, attend to hurt feelings, overcome feelings of revenge or anger, and quietly celebrate an achievement. It can also be a moment of reflection or prayer. Tea and coffee are often more than just caffeine shots.” Do our family meals or any such table fellowship lead us to recognise the powerful and loving presence of Jesus in our midst?

“Fellowship isn't just what we do for each other. Fellowship is what we do together for the world.”

Eric Bryant

A teacher was once speaking to her students about the Eucharist. She asked the students which was, in their opinion, the most important part of the Mass. Without batting an eyelid, one student replied, “The Dismissal- Go, the Mass is ended!” Initially the teacher thought the student was joking, but he was absolutely serious and meant just what he said. So, the teacher asked him to explain, and this is his answer: “The whole purpose of the Mass is to nourish us spiritually -first, with God's Word in the Liturgy of the Word, and second, with God's Life in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, culminating in the Holy Communion.

And God nourishes us so that we can go forth and bear witness to Him by our lives, our words and our actions.”

The teacher was impressed and urged the student to continue. And so, he added, “The Eucharist does not end with the Dismissal Rite. On the contrary, it begins there. (James Valladares and other sources are duly acknowledged).

Let our lives proclaim that Jesus is the true, living God among us!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

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: Ps 4: 2, 4,7,9

R: 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! **R**

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

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

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

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

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: Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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 still could not believe it, and they stood there 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.'

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

INSTALLATION OF FR VINCE AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH

Fr Vincent will be installed as the **Parish Priest** of Holy Name of Mary parish on **21st April** at the **10am Mass** by our **Bishop Vincent Long**. It is a very special day for Fr Vince as he enters the 39th year of his ordination to Priesthood.

Everyone is invited to celebrate this blessed occasion and your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Fr Vince and our community.

We will gather at the school for a fellowship after the Mass.

Please bring a plate to share. If you can be of any assistance /volunteer to set up or bringing food please fill in your details on the clip board placed at the back of the church.

Please contact **Nancy M) 0434 541 287** or **Lyn M) 0439 115 450** for further enquiries.



Shane and Anne-Louise Young will be moving to the Blue mountains shortly.

Our Parish community would like to take this opportunity to thank

Anne-Louise who was involved with children's liturgy, music, Lenten groups and formation courses.

Shane and Joseph for their contribution to the maintenance of the lawn.

Also, great appreciation and thanks to Shane for serving for many years as the **"Rydalmen"** coordinator.

We wish them the very best and pray for God's blessings as they make their move to their new home.

We are now in desperate need of Volunteers! Would you be able to spare a little time to help?

Please contact Cheryl at the Parish Office on 9684 1541.



Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Fr. Giulio Ghezzi MI, Kang Ho Mui,
Violet Fernando, Jo Skinner, Michael Foster,
Manjula, Anthony Huynh Van Hoang,

Anniversaries

Norm Saad
Francis (Frank) Fressard
Brea Pelias
Teresa Alvaro
Domenic Alvaro

PARISH ROSTERS

20/21 April 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Eli Ogrizek Maddison Boulos	Judah M Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Lawrence Tsang Bill O'Shea	Thess Davidson & family	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Will Finnane Angela Finnane		Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Amandi D Isabella C	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			



27/28 April 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Samantha Winders Lynette Rodrigues	Matilda S Jemma L	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tuti Sugita	Marthe Nalletamby Jing Tapiador	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anne Marie Lyons Ron Della Vedova		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Lynette Rodrigues	Jessica Tapiador Lorna Argal	Manuel S Theo M	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on **Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre**, 15 Park Road, **Seven Hills** for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> . Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify:

www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends?

Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? **Mass 'Round the Diocese** is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends.

The next Mass will be at **The Good Shepherd Parish**, Plumpton, on **Sunday 21 April** for **6pm Mass**. For more information, please contact **Sr Christine Ramada** CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

Parramatta Catholic Foundation BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL Weekend of 20/21 April

Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep"
This appeal will be held on the weekend of
20/21 April.
Please give generously.

Voluntary Assisted Dying healthcare workshop: 4 May

The Diocese of Parramatta is organising a free healthcare workshop to explore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Voluntary Assisted Dying statement: "**To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope**" on **Saturday 4 May** at the **St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta**, from **9.30am to 12.30pm**. Lunch will be provided. To register, please contact met@parracatholic.org. For enquires, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Grace & Silence Retreat for Young Women: 5 May

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a silent retreat day on **Sunday 5 May 9.30am to 4.30pm** at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, **Mulgoa**. Remaining session is on 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact **Hannah** on **0433 443 384**.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 5pm

Susie Lee
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

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