# The Living Word

## Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

## 18 April 2021

## 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. v.7

- (R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.
- (R.) Alleluia.
- 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
- 2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves:
  - the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

- 3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us. O Lord. (R.)
- 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once.
  - for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Jn 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.

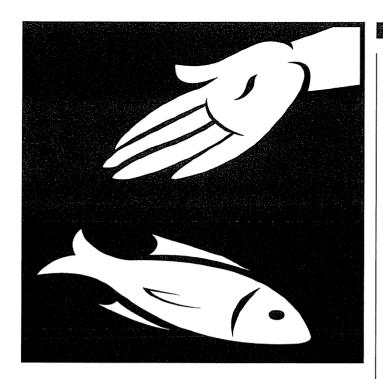
God's love comes to perfection in him.

## Gospel Acclamation See 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 24:35-48

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 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.'

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors. the long awaited messiah. and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Mary's Syro-Malabar

Community (Malayalam language)

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OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

#### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass

#### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

#### THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR B

Recently Deceased: Georgina Crowe and Johanna "Janni" Strzelcyck.

#### Anniversaries 18. April to 24. April:

Michelle Williams, John Monahan, Veronica Carroll, Joan Delaney, Janice Manley, Pat Kearney, Frank Walsh, Mick Shearer and Adriano Missio.

#### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

# ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20- April at 10:00am:

Fay Neville and Greg Carey.

#### COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit: https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19

#### \*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\*

#### **Project Compassion 2021**

Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity during Lent. It is now time to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. Please place boxes/envelopes within the weekend collections or drop off to the parish office.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

#### RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

#### **TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:**

- Channel 10 / 10HD: Mass for You at Home, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): St Patrick's Cathedral Mass, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: Mass, every Sunday at 6:00am.

#### **ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:**

- http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand
- https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) on 25-April: Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Public Consultation opens on Catholic Church's New Model for Complaints and Redress in Victoria: The Catholic Dioceses of Victoria have announced the opening of a public consultation period for a new process of response to complaints and redress relating to abuse in the Catholic Church. It is important that voices of those who have experienced abuse are heard, and that their feedback helps to shape this new model. The proposed model, Pathways Victoria. A website has been established for Pathways Victoria, providing background and updates on the proposal, as well as information on how to participate in the consultation phase: <a href="https://www.pathwaysvictoria.com">www.pathwaysvictoria.com</a>. The full media release can be found on our website.

Parishioners are invited to check the Melbourne Catholic website for Positions Vacant: <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies">https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies</a>. There are a number of jobs being advertised that may be of interest to some of you.

**St Joseph's College – Geelong:** enrolments for 2022 and tour dates. Information is on our website.

## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Easter 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – St Anselm (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Easter 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George and St Adalbert (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 24th April – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Memorial)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ANZAC DAY

Thought for the Week:

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

- Chinese Proverb.



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