

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

23 April 2023

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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 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 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 24:13-35

They recognized 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 something prevented them from recognizing 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, 'What fools you are! 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 in the breaking of bread.

Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalizing and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realized who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realized didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how could we not recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Sebastian Mission, Syro-Malabar Community (Malayalam language)
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, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

COLUMBARIUM

Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

Third Sunday of Easter

Recently Deceased: Pat Lavery, Anthony Frank, Daniel Richards and Reverend Fr Robert (Bob) Maguire PE AM RFD.

Anniversaries 23rd April to 29th April: Chettina and Onorato Sammut, Teresa Sullivan, Mick Shearer, Adriano Missio, Bernie Cook, Amelia Murray, Anna Morgard, Brian Halloran, Louie Shearman, Veronica Fishwick, Rafael Nnoppu, Monica Connellan, Rita Anthony and Francisca Dekker.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

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

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 30th April at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Nan Calnin (SM) Marg Lucas, Judy Considine (W) Jenny Cole, Jo Ballard.

QUEENSCLIFF: 30th April at 11:00am:

(C) Ian D'Cruz (L) Maria D'Cruz (SM) Anne Maree Furphy (W) Roger Furphy.

COUNTERS: Wednesday 26th April at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn and Greg Carey.

SAFEGUARDING – NEW INFORMATION, 17 MARCH 2023

To comply with our "Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy", we need to have complete, accurate and up to date information for all our volunteers. Over the coming weeks, if you volunteer in our parish, you will receive a document outlining the information we are currently holding and ask that you confirm the details or provide up to date information in the event of either incorrect or missing details. Volunteers must have:

1. A current Working With Children Check
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct
3. Done the Safeguarding Essentials 30-minute online training **
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)

**A group training session is currently being planned. Date to be advised.

To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au or call the parish office on Thursdays.

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION – FINAL CALL! Please return your offerings during Mass collections or to the parish office during business hours.

Holy Family (Barwon Heads) community morning tea: Thursday 4th May at 10:00am. Please bring a small plate to share. All are welcome.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) thanks everyone who has donated Groceries, Vouchers and Money so far this year. We will resume rotating the collection boxes in a few months. In the meantime anyone wanting to give support could email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au or donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066.

Caritas Australia thanks schools and parishes for incredible Project Compassion fundraising over Lent: <https://catholicoutlook.org/caritas-australia-thanks-schools-and-parishes-for-incredible-project-compassion-fundraising-over-lent/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Holy Trinity Sunday Afternoon Musical Concert: it is proposed that a Sunday afternoon concert be held this year, possibly November. A Planning Team of 10 people approximately, is needed. Seeking interested and enthusiastic people to join a team in bringing our 3 church communities including our 2 schools together – to bring this opportunity to fruition. Barwon Heads seeking 3 people; Queenscliff, 1, needing 2 others. Ocean Grove has 3 people on board. Please contact Maureen Earls (OG) on 0407 513 856.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

- **Monday 24th April – 10am to 2pm** – *Labyrinth: a meditative practice for the spiritual journey*. Presenter: Anne Ryan RSM. Cost: \$25 (light lunch provided).
- **Wednesday 26th April – 10am to 2pm** – *Exploring the Spiritual Path through our questions*. Presenter: Drew Lawson. Cost: \$25 (light lunch provided).
- **Thursday 27th April – 10am to 2pm** – *Guided meditation*. Presenter: Drew Lawson. Cost: \$25 (light lunch provided).

To register: contact Sr Lizzie at Santa Casa via phone 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.com.au

Full 2023 schedule: <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): 'For the next few weeks TAR would like to offer excerpts from the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986...' 'It is a great joy for me to be here today in Alice Springs and to meet so many of you, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders of Australia. I want to tell you right away how much the Church esteems and loves you, and how much she wishes to assist you in your spiritual and material needs.'

Good Shepherd Sunday: Next Sunday, 30th April, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC Day

Parish office closed

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 26th April – St Mark (Feast)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 27th April – St Louis Grignon de Monfort (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 28th April – St Peter Chanel (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 29th April – St Catherine of Siena (Memorial)

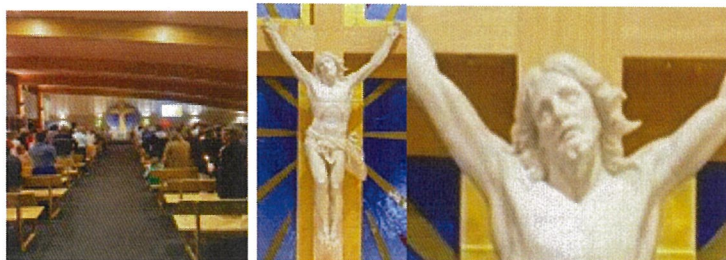
Sunday 30th April – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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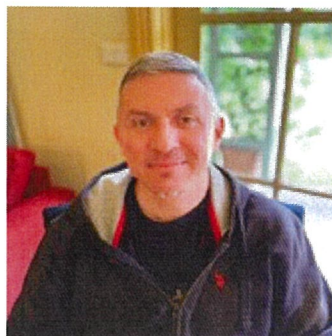
The Resurrection Cross - Our Lady Star of the Sea church, Ocean Grove

When next you come to our Ocean Grove church, you'll see a new Cross for the Easter Season. We've learnt more about the story behind the building and fitting out of this church, how somethings were meant to be, and some things not built as designed, but for now you will see a figure of Christ crucified, resurrected and ascending - the wind catching his hair and robe. If you look carefully, you'll see three fingers of his right hand recalling the Trinity, his smallest finger pointing to himself as the true Messiah, the One who has gone through the depths of suffering and death and now rises in bright glory.



As agreed with the Parish Pastoral Council, our intention is to keep this new cross in place for the duration of the Easter season through to Pentecost. If people like it, this cross can remain, but it is also rigged to be able to be taken down or put up as needed.

Introducing Padre Francisco Javier Diaz SJ



We look forward to welcoming Padre Javier who'll be living in our parish from Saturday 13th May (Confirmation Day) to Sunday 25th June. While he's with us, P. Javier will lead the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life – a retreat for busy people. This will commence on 21st May.

I was born and raised in Costa Rica but entered the Society of Jesus in the USA. I studied medicine in Costa Rica before joining the Society and was missioned to complete postgraduate studies in Family Medicine in Texas as part of my regency. I was able to have some training in Restorative Reproductive Medicine and it is my joy to help Catholic married couples achieve a pregnancy through morally sound means when they struggle. I was ordained a priest in 2016, and I have been serving as a priest-physician since 2017 in a free clinic in Oakland, California and as Vicar in the Cathedral Parish within the block of the clinic. I was 14 years old when the Scout Movement enabled me to visit Australia for the World Jamboree. I am grateful to be back in Australia 35 years later for Tertianship, in a constant search to go deeper in my encounter with the Lord and the mission He has entrusted to the Society.



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