

GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is 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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You 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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

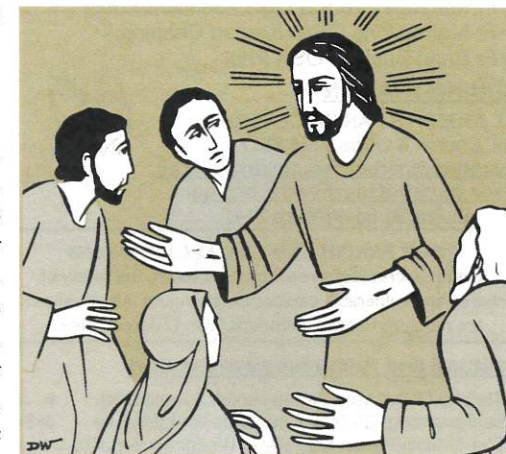
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

(or 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

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24: 32

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



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3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024)
 St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
 St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
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- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stefphy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stefphy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 14th April 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 13 th April	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 14 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 15 th April 3 rd Week of Easter		
Tuesday 16 th April 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 17 th April 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 18 th April 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 19 th April 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 20 th April 3 rd Week of Easter	9.00am Mass	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

▶ RCIA gathering 7pm Thursday April 18th

AUGUSTINE ON EASTER FAITH



"Spread the Gospel: scatter with your mouth what you have conceived in your heart. Let the nations hear, let the nations believe; and how many have believed!

They were baptized, and others shall be baptized, and after them others come. Then I say, at the end of the world shall the stones be joined to the foundation, living stones, holy stones, that at the end the whole edifice may be built by that Church, yea by this very Church which now sings the new song, while the house is in building. But when does it sing the new song? When it is in building. When is it dedicated? At the end of the world. Its foundation has been already dedicated, because He has ascended into heaven, and dies no more. When we too shall have risen to die no more, then shall we be dedicated." (Sermon 66 on N.T.)



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THANK YOU

To all our volunteers - musicians, singers, sacristans, readers, welcomers, florist, cleaners, collectors and counters, those who open and close the church, Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Parish Council, anyone who helps in the parish we are most grateful for your assistance.



EASTER ENVELOPES

Envelopes at church doors for offerings to the clergy at Easter.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

- ✦ Anthony Crivera
- ✦ Dorothy Hall
- ✦ Dolores Hogan
- ✦ Mary-Anne McNiven
- ✦ Renate Hodgson
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Fr Laurie Mooney OSA
- ✦ Gaston Guzman
- ✦ Zofia Balcerzak
- ✦ Gladwin D'Souza
- ✦ David Goll
- ✦ Johanna Meagher
- ✦ Ron Ivers
- ✦ Charles Marsicek



CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION



Preparation classes for children making their First Reconciliation will begin in May. Please contact Stefphy at the parish office for more information.

PARISH CHRISTENING

The parish congratulates the family of Lucia Kobo who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



THE SCRIBBLE AUTUMN EDITION



Please take your copy of the parish seasonal newsletter today.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.

MASS COLLECTIONS 7/04/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 826.35
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 272.30
Envelopes.....	\$ 940.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 1765.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 585.00
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th April

At the first meeting of the new parish council held last Wednesday three new members, Benedict See, Ione Almeida and Averyl Menezes were commissioned. The meeting was addressed by Fr Peter Jones, Augustinian Provincial. Parish Mission Renewal was also discussed.