

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 the 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.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### A SYNODAL JOURNEY

Last Sunday we encountered the Risen Jesus breathing his gift of peace and Spirit on to his fearful disciples. As we continue our celebration of Easter, our attention turns to Luke's story of the Risen Jesus accompanying two frightened disciples on their journey towards a small village, Emmaus, several kilometres from Jerusalem. For Luke, Jerusalem is the centre and birthplace of discipleship. The two are walking away from Jerusalem, their conviction of Jesus' rescue of them shattered by the events that have unfolded, especially his crucifixion by the political and religious leaders. Unbeknown to them, the Risen Jesus walks with them on their journey and asks them what they are talking about. They are confused by the story being circulated about the emptiness of Jesus' tomb.

This is such a rich story and space prevents its detailed examination. What is clear is that this is the Gospel for the synodal journey of the Church: The Risen One walks with us in the midst of our confusions and struggles, wanting to listen to us, as we each tell our stories. And, just as the two struggling disciples come to recognise Jesus in the 'breaking of bread' (Luke's favourite expression for the Eucharist), we, too, come to realise the presence of the Risen Jesus in our weekly celebration of our local Eucharist.

This realisation for the two at Emmaus empowers them to return to Jerusalem, take up again the mission of discipleship, and reconnect to those assembled. What happens next provides the impetus for Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles and the story of the spread of the Good News throughout the Roman Empire.



Fr Michael Trainor

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

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.'

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESP PSALM

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

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)**

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 Pet 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

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.

## ■ 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!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*They recognised 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 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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street**  
**St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street**

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- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
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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**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)  
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**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.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Bl Helen of Udine	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Conversion of St Augustine	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter Anzac Day	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	



**ANZAC DAY**

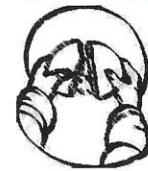
Mass to celebrate Anzac Day will be Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9am at St Joseph's.



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ RCIA: Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm.
- ▶ Sacramental Prep: Sat 25 Apr 10.30am
- ▶ Baptism Preparation: Tues 21 April 7pm

**WITH AUGUSTINE AT EASTERTIDE**



"Remember, though, how the Lord Jesus desired to be recognized in the breaking of bread, by those whose eyes had been kept till then from recognizing him. We too know Christ in the breaking of bread. It isn't every loaf of bread, you see, but the one that receives Christ's blessing and becomes the body of Christ. That's where they recognized him. They were overjoyed and went straight to the others. They found whom they already knew." (Sermon 234:2)

**THE SCRIBBLE MAGAZINE**



Copies of the Autumn edition of the parish seasonal newsletter are available this week.

**EASTER ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for the clergy at the church door.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please return boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity. Donations can also be made at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

We invite families of infants to be presented for baptism to an online ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm. Contact the parish office.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zao, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

✦ Urbicia Cerro-Oates

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Paddy Morgan
- ✦ Teresa & Susano Baluyos Snr.
- ✦ Coletto Snr., Constanca & Manuel Edillor
- ✦ David Goll
- ✦ Mary O'Toole
- ✦ Carmel Cameron
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Laszlo Dikasz

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**ANZAC DAY PRAYER**

Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS**



A coffee morning will be held next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am at Velvet Bean, 35 Albert Rd.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA**

All families with young children are invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome to morning tea in the coffee room following mass.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 12/04/2026**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 931.05
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 452.95
Envelopes.....	\$ 100.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	980.00.
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 985.00
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