



3rd Sunday of Easter—Year A

30 April 2017

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.'

Second Reading

1 Pt 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

Lk 24:13-35

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 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 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.



*Fr Michael's
Jubilee
Celebration
Saturday, 20 May*

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Parish Diary This Week!

Monday	Feast of St Joseph the Worker 6.45am Mass
Tuesday	St Athanasius Memorial 6.45am Mass 9.00am Feast Day Mass SJW
Wednesday	Feasts of Sts Philip and James 6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Thursday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Psalmist Practice (8 Wallace St, Sefton) 7.30pm General Practice for Parish Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)
Friday	6.45am Mass 9.15am Mass
Saturday	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Novena Adoration Confession 5.00pm Mass (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am Mass at SJW Church Auburn Sth 10.00am Mass 5.00pm Confirmation Singing Practice in SPC Church

Mass Intentions

Deceased: Fatima Bolonia, Alchong & Jack Gemmell, Mariano Somera Sr, Mark Man-Wah Chiu, Joseph Portelli, Sylvia Portelli
Anniversary: Cristeta Enriquez, Esperanza Olarte, La Paz Singson-Somera
Deceased members and friends of : Erwin & O'Dwyer Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Duong Family, Amores & Domingo Families

"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel



at the Eamiguel Family
44 Walters Road, Berala
Please join them any evening at 7.30pm
for the Rosary

**We need more families to host the Pilgrim Statue
from St Peter Chanel.**

Please contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

*Fr Thomas will be visiting and praying with the Families who are
hosting Our Lady' Statue during the Marian Month (month of May).
We are encouraging the families to get together and pray the
Rosary at least during the month of May, it is the prayer that keeps
the family bonded together.*



Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
Exercise daily—walk with the Lord.

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Ph: 8795 3400

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby - www.divineretreatcentre.org.au Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ (LiturgyHelp)

With very good reason, the story of the road to Emmaus is thought to be the best parallel we have in the New Testament to our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This idea could be a little surprising for some who might think the Last Supper would hold more similarities. Luke, however, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognise who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming here pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognise Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen.

One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead.

This is the best way to understand ourselves as 'traditional Catholics'. We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

Living the Gospel

Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus

Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.



Have you thought?

Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:

Telephone No Email

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent for completion)



Monsignor Michael Berbari's Golden Jubilee

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone! Let us all wish Monsignor Berbari a Happy Golden Jubilee and thank him for the 33 years he has been a part of our Parish. Celebration will be held on **Saturday, 20 May** after the 5.00pm mass at the Jubilee Hall.

Donations of both sweet and savoury food and drinks are needed. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to contribute any food or to offer assistance on the day.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

The Feast of St Joseph the Worker is an optional celebration according to the Liturgical Calendar. One of the two patron saints of our Parish is St Joseph the Worker. Fr Sam Wehbe from St Raymond Parish will be celebrating the Feast Mass at 9.00am on **Tuesday 2 May** at St Joseph the Worker Church. It will be a Maronite Rite Mass in English. All parishioners are invited to this special celebration.

You are welcome to join St Raymond's Maronite Parish, St Joseph the Worker Feast Celebration on **Sunday, 30 April** between 12.00pm - 4.30pm at 39 Wellington Road, Auburn South. There will be plaster painting, jumping castle, food and more for the whole family to enjoy!

Formation & Training Course For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This programme is for those who, with the support of their Parish Priest, are or will soon be assisting as **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION** in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

It is also a **pre-requisite** course for those men who wish to attend the Acolytes training courses.

WHEN: Wednesday 3rd & 10th May 2017

WHERE: St Augustine of Hippo Eaton Street Balmain NSW 2041

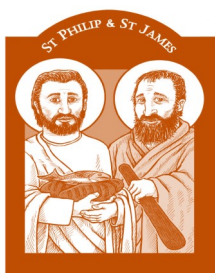
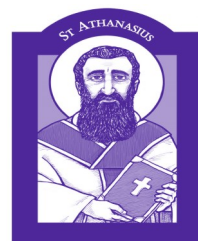
Feasts & Memorials of the Week



Monday—St Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. During his betrothal to Mary he became distressed when he heard that she was with child, but an angelic vision reassured him that this was all part of God's plan.

After Jesus' birth he was warned in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt, in order to escape from King Herod. Joseph showed great faith in his willingness to do whatever God asked of him. St Joseph is the patron saint of many causes including families, expectant mothers, workers and people in doubt.

Tuesday—St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria to Christian parents in c.297. He was educated at a catechetical school and later went to the desert to spend time in retreat with St Anthony the hermit. He became the bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was a strong supporter of church orthodoxy. Athanasius was equally strong in his condemnation of Arianism which denied the Divinity of Christ. In his time as bishop many conflicts with Arians led to Athanasius going into exile on up to five occasions. During this time he continued his writings on theology, as well as a biography of his friend St Anthony. St Athanasius is portrayed as one of the Four Eastern Doctors of the Church.



Wednesday—St Philip and St James were two of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus. After St Philip was called to be an apostle, he persuaded Nathaniel (St Bartholemew) to also follow Jesus. At the feeding of the 5000, St Philip passed the remark that, "200 denari would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little". St James was the brother of St Jude, and is often referred to as "James the Lesser" to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee. Some traditions believe St James was a cousin of Jesus, and others name him as the author of the Epistle of St James. Traditionally, St Philip and St James share the same feast day because their remains were both brought to the Church of the Apostles in Rome, in early May, 561 AD.

Message from the Chancellor—Petition Opposing Proposed Laws Relating to Abortion in NSW

There is currently a Petition to the Members of the NSW Legislative Council on the matter of proposed changes to Abortion Law in NSW. At the moment there are two bills before the New South Wales Parliament seeking to decriminalize abortion and to create so called “safe zones” around the clinics.

These Bills increase the potential dangers to pregnant women, allow the abortion of viable babies up until birth without restriction, fail to include safeguards to ensure women give fully informed consent, override any professional or conscientious objections that medical practitioners may have to abortion and disregard the reality that many women have abortions as a result of pressure, coercion or lack of support from others.

Copies of the petition are available on the tables at the back of the church for you to sign.



Two Sunday Practices for Confirmation Singing

Sunday 7 May and Sunday 21 May. (No practice on Mothers' Day 14 May) .

Each practice begins at 5pm in SPC Church and is finished by 6.30pm. All welcome!

Other Notices

ACYF Music Masterclass An initiative of the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, the Masterclass is a fantastic opportunity for young people aged between Year 9 and 30 years to develop creative skills in music and performance. Catholic industry professionals will lead workshops in liturgy, praise and worship, song writing, vocal training, band dynamics, music technologies, recording and performance. **6-7 May 2017** at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College, Burwood. Cost \$100. Includes morning tea and lunch each day. **Registrations close 5pm 28 April 2017**. See flyer attached. For more information, www.acyf.org.au.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour—Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on **Monday May 8, 2017**. Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2019. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar **8838 1222** to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on **Sunday 21 May 2017 at 10.00am**. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au; Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary

Christianity across the Ages - A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries. Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132. When: 9am-12midday **Friday June 2**. Entry by voluntary donation. **Bookings essential: RSVP by May 26 Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au**

CWF Pastoral Appeal: Our parish will ask you to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal next weekend. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider your support. Thank you.

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a Forum with Fr Timothy Radcliffe op on **Saturday, May 27th, 2017**, at Santa Sabina College Strathfield. Session 1: "What Hope can we offer the Young? Lessons from the Frontline with ISIS". Session 2: "Making Place for the Conscience of the Laity today – the Challenge of Amoris Laetitia". Entry \$15 per head. Tickets available through **TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/266284>** or through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265, Swansea NSW 2281 or phone message bank: **02 9990 7003** or by email to catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au.

MGL Vocations Day: Saturday 27th May 2017 The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg brekky, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:30pm. Held at St Declan's parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst. Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/**RSVP: Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621**. The MGLs are a homegrown missionary congregation of priests and brothers serving the Church in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org.

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Antiphons & Readings

Responsorial Psalm:

(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)**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Pt 2:20-25

Jn 10:1-10



Holy Mass at Berala

Monday to Friday 6.45am

Wednesday to Friday 9.15am

Saturday 8.00am

Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena.

Holy Mass at Auburn South

Tuesday 9.00am

(during school term only)

Lord's Day Mass Berala

Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil)

Sunday 10.00AM

Lord's Day Mass Auburn South

Sunday 8.00AM

Reconciliation at Berala

Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office.

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

7 MAY 2017

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	William ANDREWS	Roland JAVIER
ACCOMPANIST	Maureen HYNES		SAMOAN
CANTOR	Chris HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		CHOIR
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
	Noelene DONNELLAN	Joe MOSES	Anna FACER
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Monica SMITH
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SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Janet Ryan		Hilary Nguyen
CHURCH SHOP	Adele MELER		Jenny MICHAEL
GREETERS	Roshan SEBASTIAN Sharon SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Merv & Rhia VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY			Sharon Iacono

Hospital Visitation Sat: A Hehea & B Hawthorn

Altar: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis; A Manganaro

Hospital Communion Sun: B & C Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Samoan Choir

Children's liturgy: Vinita Nazareth

Saturday

6 May

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

Daily Prayers and Scripture on the Parish Web

Our Parish Website now includes a new section called "Liturgy Today" on our home page. This is a great resource to explore the liturgy of the day including Readings of the Mass of the day, morning, noon and evening prayers, and Office of Readings. Please visit <http://www.stpeter-stjoseph.org.au/> and click on the link under "Liturgy Today".