

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

18 APRIL 2021

THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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!

18 April 2021
3rd Sunday Easter

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: *No Mass
Wed: 12 pm
Fri: 9am

Tues: *No Mass
Thurs: 9am
Sat: 9am

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth:
O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Alleluia.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: John Parker, Rodney Oatley, Patrick Valentine McNicholas (Ireland), Fay Sims.

Anniversaries: , Visitation Cabasag (5/4), Fr Bruce MacPherson (8/4), Patricia Holz (18/4).

Deceased: Steven Walton, Stephanie Cayley, Ronald Dietrich, Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Thomas Brown, Giuseppe Pomponio, Bishop Luc Matthys, Leonie Baker, Fay Bradbery, Hugh O'Brien.

Sick: Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 18/4/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer

9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team P Sheils A Bowden

Sat Cleaning 24/4 M Vella & R Pace

Altar Linen: E Smyth

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 25/4/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford

9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team J and O Whale; A Bowden

Sat Cleaning 1/5 B & B Lane

Altar Linen H Reid

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

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PADDY'S CORNER

Life moves on and while we will always remember Cracker in a special way, we are asking for any contributions of good old Irish jokes you might have for this corner. Here's the first one.

For fast, fast, relief, take two tablets.



*May God bless and strengthen you.
Confide all to God.
See how God carries us through the storms.*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY We wish Fr Anthony a very blessed anniversary of ordination which he celebrates this Saturday 17 April. We thank God for his presence in our parish.

COVID-19 RULES: From Monday 29th March, singing is now allowed at Mass and there is no attendee limit for funerals and weddings. All cautions still apply with check in and 2m distancing.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please return your boxes/envelopes in the next week/weekend.

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE will be conducted throughout Australia over the first four consecutive Sundays in May 2021. Counting over 4 Sundays ensures that fortnightly and monthly Masses are not overlooked. It will be a simple head count; no other information about attendees will be collected. This is a count of attendance at ALL MASSES celebrated in the Diocese, including all parishes, non-parish centres, hospitals, chaplaincies. Volunteers for counting heads will be gratefully accepted.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 6771 8705 or email tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au

POPE FRANCIS VISIT TO IRAQ: Father Christopher Clohessy of the Pontifical Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies in Rome remarked that the Pope's visit was an example of "a culture of encounter". He noted that Pope Francis was demonstrating that the Church should not be waiting for people to come to it but should be going out to meet them where they are. In doing so Pope Francis is modelling how we too should be approaching our own ministry. It should not be behind a desk or in our office but out and about the Parish.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

NO YOUR EYES ARE NOT FAILING However many of our ceiling lights are. Unfortunately replacement of these lights is a significant job and with the benefits of power savings seen with the updating of many other lighting areas in the parish we are now deciding on full replacement and possible benefits (with the possibility of rewiring being required) or paying old and also costly system of church lighting. We hope to be able to address the issue prior to all lights failing and thank you for your patience.

CRACKER'S TALES: To assist with the lighting project, and in keeping with our new Paddy's Corner efforts, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony if you would like to buy a copy.

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