

GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.*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 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.**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****HOMILY****PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED***Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:***R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.**PREFACE I-V OF EASTER***After the Preface, we sing or say:***All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.****THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**COMMUNION RITE****COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Lk 24:35**The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Classic art usually portrays the two disciples travelling on the road to Emmaus with the unknown Wayfarer as male. But is it possible that one of them was a woman, and the two disciples were actually husband and wife? Luke names one as Cleopas. In John 19:25, one of the women standing by the cross of Jesus is 'Mary the wife of Clopas' (note the different spelling). We can imagine, then, that Cleopas and his wife were discussing the reports of the women that Jesus had risen from the dead. When they recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread in their house, Mary could have said to her husband: "I told you so. Why didn't you believe the women!"

The Emmaus story is a masterpiece that mirrors everyone's journey from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy. 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening' is not only an expression of hospitality to a stranger. It is also a cry to the Lord to stay with us even when everything around us seems dark.

Saint John Paul II draws this lesson from the story: 'Amid our questions and difficulties, and even our bitter disappointments, the divine Wayfarer continues to walk at our side, opening to us the Scriptures and leading us to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of God. When we meet him fully, we will pass from the light of the Word to the light streaming from the "Bread of Life", the supreme fulfilment of his promise to "be with us always, to the end of the age" (cf. Mt 28:20)' (*Mane Nobiscum Domine*, 2).

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A**30 April 2017**

HE WALKED BY THEIR SIDE. In today's Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 65:1-2

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.**LITURGY OF THE WORD****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.**R. Thanks be to God.****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.**R. Thanks be to God.****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!



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

- **May is the month of Mary.** We honour Mary as our mother who teaches us the meaning of discipleship. Mary responded to the initiative of the Spirit who invited her to bear the 'Saviour of the world'. Mary is there always to walk with us, love us and help us in every need. She is there for us as a mother, to support us and hold us especially in times of suffering and pain. I would like to encourage us to spend time with Mary in prayer, pondering with her the Word of God, asking her to help us grow in our understanding of the Paschal Mystery and for the grace to enter more deeply into this mystery each day!
- **Next weekend 6th/7th May we have our first CHARITABLE WORKS FUND collection.** Money from the collection is used for the specialised ministries of the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available on the seats of the Church. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible. I thank you for generously supporting this appeal. The CWF is the official 'charity of the Archdiocese'.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COMMENCES ON SUNDAY 14TH MAY IN THE CHURCH AT 5.00PM.**
I ASK THAT CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT AND PARENTS ARE SEATED AND READY TO COMMENCE AT 5.00PM SHARP. THIS FIRST SESSION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMITMENT MASS DURING WHICH PARENTS AND CANDIDATES WILL COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.
I ask that we, as parish communities, pray for the candidates and their families as we all seek to grow in faith in the Risen Lord and respond generously by the witness of our lives.
- There is a **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- **Baptism Preparation** will be held on Sunday 7th May in the Parish Centre at 9.15am. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, kindly come to the preparation session
- I have included some information about the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** this week so we can reflect over the coming weeks what the sacrament means to each of us and what it invites us to be and do!
- I will be celebrating a 'Mother's Day Mass' for the Mc Auley school community on Friday 12th May at 9.00am.
- **One of my favourite prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary:**
- **May our hearts burn within us as Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and breaks the bread!**

Fr Chris

A short prayer for help to Mary

from the 3rd century

We fly to your patronage,
O holy mother of God;

despise not our prayers in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed virgin.



Baptisms This week we extend a warm welcome to *Andrew Benke and Claire Murphy and their daughter Estella*, who will today receive the sacrament of Baptism. We pray that her future life be gently nourished in the midst of our parish family.

Marriages Join us in prayer for *Andrew Sheppard and Lauren Boustani* who celebrated their marriage this week.

Sacraments for Children at St Mary Magdalene's 2017

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on the following dates. Children from all local schools including McAuley Primary School will prepare together in the Church with a parent on dates to be confirmed.

- Confirmation** Friday 26 May at 7.00pm
- Reconciliation** Wednesday 14 June at 5.00pm
- First Eucharist** Saturday 2 September at 5.00pm

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Preparing the Church



Coming Events/Notices

- * **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.
- * **Lismore Flood Appeal** Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming. To donate to the Appeal go to www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org.
- * **Our new website** www.magdalene.org.au is up and running, with more content to be added in the coming weeks.
- * **St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass**, Sun 21 May 10am, Archbishop Fisher. Refreshments will follow. Info centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au.
- * **Waverley College annual May Procession**, Sun 7 May 2pm.
- * **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Info www.acyf.org.au.
- * **Meditation Group**, Tuesdays 7pm, Parish Centre. No experience needed, just come along. Marilyn Jones 0401 637759.
- * **McAuley Primary School** is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.

We pray for:

the sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.

the deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Maylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery.

Rose Bay 7 May	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer			
1 st Reader	Maureen Coffey	Sue Heavener	Frances Walsh
2 nd Reader	Therese O'Brien	Stuart Green	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark O'Brien	Sue Heavener, Glenys Granger	Frances Walsh
	Carmen Kapfenstein	Hazel Mezger	
Dover Hts 6 May	5pm	Rose Bay	Feast days
Commentator	Kate Cosgrove	Altar Society	Tues 2
1 st Reader	David Scarf	5 May	St Athanasius, Wed 3 Sts Philip & James, Apostles
2 nd Reader	Susan Scarf	Lucie Priestly	
Acolyte	Matthew Scarf		
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Manché		
	Tom McNamara		