

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

14 April 2024

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

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.

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 who 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

A reading from the first letter of St John

1 John 2:1-5

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

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24:35-48

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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND-RAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



As at 31/03/2024	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,761.60
Stations of the	9	36,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	7	70,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		115,964.12	115,964.12
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		297,528.12	274,792.12

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	9.30 am (Mass followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 & 5.00 pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection): \$1401.00 and cash: \$1095.80 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism): \$698.00
If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879

Account Number: 75 577 0740

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Flower Arrangement Roster

**Carmel Logan 13th April
21st Apr**

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

13th/14th Apr	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Greg W	Kathlyn J Mia W
9.00am	Gloria T Maria W Bernadette B	Elda M Nicky W
10.30am	Christina F, Chiara R Angela S	Lyn O Treshi K
5.00pm	Prakash D	Lydia C Rochelle P
20th/21st Apr	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00 pm	Andrea J	Charlotte M Rishen P
9.00am	Rose D Pat C Susira F	Derek D Janice D
10.30am	Chantal M Marceline P Ian M	Joan S Christine P
5.00pm	Matilda A	Liz S Kimberely I

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Katherine Davies, Sunandha Fernandez, John Close, Joseph Lozada, Benjamine Stalder, Sylvianne Surette, Diane Ding, Joyce Fox, Ben Wiegerink, Angelina Lazaris & Evie Minnis

Recently Deceased: Myrna Rufino and Eileen Horan

Death Anniversaries: Philo Ellis, Anne Bradshaw, Shirley Hart Irene Taylor Amando Aringay Srn, Amparo Aringay, Herschel Aringay, Cesar Bunzon Snr, & Denise Sadaseeven

Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

BAPTISM

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 1 May 2024 in the church at 6.00 pm. Please enrol through the parish website/contact Andrea at 5941 7315 the parish office.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-4.45pm. Contact Tresa Andrews on 0421 931 888 or email on stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com.

MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

LEGION OF MARY : All are welcome to join every Friday at 10.15 am. Contact Jilsa at 0450 070 262 or Winnie at 0422 179 999.

SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursdays at 7.00 pm—Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursdays of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Year 3-6 kids from 7—8.30 pm **May 10, Jun 14th & July 12th**

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP :Years 7-12 from 7-8.45 pm — **Apr 19, May 3 & 17, Jun 7 & 21, Jul 5 & 19 and Aug 2 & 16th.**

HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP: Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. Additionally, our choir performs on the **first and third Sunday** of every month during the 5:00 p.m. mass. For further details, contact Dominic Thomas at 0425 742 254

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 10.00am in the Parish—Help Line is 1300 305 330.

SEWING GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office.

MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY: Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION: 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (Concerned adults can call for advice)

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The two disciples did not recognise Jesus. But as they walked and talked with him, and listened to him explain the events of the Crucifixion in light of the Scriptures, their hearts began to burn within them.

Has your heart ever burned within you as you recalled something you said or did? What happened?

This story has four parts: they meet; they share stories and listen; they break bread; and they part, knowing they will see one another again. Does this sound like what you often do with your friends? How is it similar?



THANK YOU: Welcome back, Fr Janeesh, after his retreat at Pallotti College, Millgrove, with all the clergy of the diocese. A big thank you to both Fr Peter Kooloos and Fr Peter Slater for celebrating the weekend Masses and the baptisms over the last weekend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: We would also like to extend our gratitude to Fr. Confidence and Fr. Herman for helping us celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This was our parish's first Divine Mercy Sunday celebration, and it was indeed a blessed event. The service included the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Rosaries, Veneration, and the blessing of the Divine Mercy images, followed by a very blessed service. We look forward to having this celebration every year.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER: On Friday night, we had an amazing evening with the "Volunteer Thank You" dinner. We thank the parish team who pulled it all together and made it a memorable evening. A good number of volunteers turned up for the dinner. Your services, not just during Holy Week but also throughout the year, are very much appreciated. We plan to host a volunteer appreciation dinner inviting everyone involved in various ministries once the parish hall is available after the Church Renovation project.

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: meets on Friday the 19th of April. Years 7-12. Join us for some food and fun at St Patrick's School Gym. Parents are asked to sign children in for 7.00pm start finishing at 8.45pm. A registration fee of \$10 will be charged on the night.

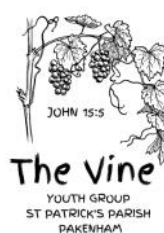
EDUCATION AND SEMINARIES BURSARY FUND (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY): there will be a special collection after each of the weekend Masses this weekend to support the education of the Seminarians.

CARITAS: If you still have your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes at home, please bring them back next week and place it in the collection basket in the foyer. **For those who have requested a tax receipt, they are left in the foyer.**

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Urgently in need of cakes and slices this week and every week for desserts. Home cooked desserts are really appreciated by those we serve so please do your best. Leave items in the fridge in the kitchen clearly marked for Paddy's. Contact Tresa on 0421 931 888 if you need. **Why not cook up a dessert for Paddy's whenever you can?**

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Kathy S & Volunteer 14th Apr 6.00pm Sat
Donna and Volunteer 15th Apr 9.00am Sun
Ruth & Matt F -15th Apr 10.30 Sun
Christeen & Gladys—21st Apr 9.00 am Sun
Rebekah & Madison—22nd Apr 10.30 am



Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT:

key to improving integrity The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has unveiled a national code of conduct for people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia. details regarding the media release and a link to the 32-page document, *Integrity in Our Common Mission* can be accessed on the diocesan website/news section at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cvtsu>

Integrity in Our Common Mission

National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Australia

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:



FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

- Pope Francis -