

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

19 APRIL 2026

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, 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
19TH of APRIL 2026**

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S MALVERN EAST
ST. JOSEPH'S MALVERN
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Mass Times

Day	Time	Location
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
(Exposition until 7p.m.)		
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary's
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph's

Confessions:

Monday	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	St Roch's
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.	St Roch's
Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	St Mary's
Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	St Joseph's

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sat 18 Apr	5:00pm	Holy Eucharist	Private Intention
Sun 19 Apr	8:30am	St Mary's	Private Intention
	9:30am	St Roch's	Private Intention
	10:30am	St Joseph's	Private Intention
	5:00pm	St Roch's	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
Mon 20 Apr	5:30pm	St Roch's	Dawn Weeraratne, for the repose of her soul on her anniversary
Tue 21 Apr	5:30pm	St Joseph's	Private Intention
Wed 22 Apr	5:30pm	St Roch's	Private Intention
Thu 23 Apr	5:30pm	Holy Eucharist	Private Intention
Fri 24 Apr	5:30pm	St Mary's	Private Intention
Sat 25 Apr	9:00am	St Joseph's	Salvatore Orlando, for the one month anniversary of his death

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:

CURRENTLY SICK: Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Finley, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Maureen Carter, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Karl Falckh, Finley, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Mal Logan, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Martin McQueen, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Simon Middleton, Olga Morocho, Teresa Pagliaro, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Johanna Pulte, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Julieanne Tait, Robert Tait, Frances Trainor, Marie Tyrer, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Graham Conroy

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME: Lena Abraham, Auseklis Adamsons, Benjamin Arcilla, Julio Arcilla, Rosario Arcilla, William Bell, Brian Bourke, Elizabeth Bowring, Ronald Cabral, Leo Callinan, Estrella Caranza, Sheila Canny, Jouita Crasto, Rose Cullen, Michael Del Mastro, Norm Dodgson, Irene Elliott, Joan Evans, Kathleen Fennessy, Phyllis Gilbert, Margaret Hickey, Basil Higham, Cheryl Hoath, John Hoath, Marcia Hocking, Jon Jensen, Fu Cheng Kai, Wtadystaw Kolodziej, William Krelle, Ann Lawrence, John Mahon, Mary McFarlane, James McNamara, James Meagher, Cono Peluso, Pina Pentifallo, Siefan Przekwas, Gregory Ridsdale, Matthew Scanlon, Mark Scerri, Bobbie Will

Notes from the Parish Priest

- Those attending St. Joseph's will have noticed that the exit gate to the car park is now shut. We have had the electronic gate repaired, so that we can shut the gates during the weekdays for the sake of the staff whose car parks are reserved - staff from the school, parish, JoCare and Brigidines.

When exiting the car park please drive over the white disc on the ground and wait for the gates to open. Please do not exit via the entry.

- This weekend at all our Masses we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor, visiting us from Northcote. The Sisters operate nursing home for those less well-off and would like to share with us the story of their mission and how we might be able to help them fulfil it. Please make them welcome.

SCHOOL OF ADORATION EVENING AT ST. ROCH'S

All parishioners are warmly invited to a monthly evening of prayer dedicated to deepening our relationship with Jesus, especially through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Led by the Emmanuel Community once a month on a Tuesday evening, the School of Adoration will include a short talk and time of prayer followed by supper.

Next evening on Tuesday 5 May, 7.45pm

For more information, please email:
emmanuelcommunitymel@gmail.com

or use the QR code.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL AT 7:30 PM

ST MARY'S HALL ST KILDA EAST

***Symbolism and Scripture: Some Ways into the Bible-
with Fr Jerome Santamaria***

The MMEGI Family of Parishes is collaborating with other local parishes to offer a series of talks across this year about living the faith today.

All welcome. Please email Jessica of your attendance.

Email Jessica.Earle@cam.org.au to RSVP



Neri Youth

Fortnightly gathering on
Sundays; 6:00 - 8:30pm
at St Roch's

Next gathering: 19th April 2026
Year 9- 25yo

A talk,
small group discussion,
adoration, Confession,
dinner & social, table tennis

A \$10 donation for food & drink
would be appreciated

Special Guests: Little Sisters of
the Poor

SUN 19 APRIL

CATHOLIC FAMILY MARKET

12PM-3PM • FREE ENTRY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 631 HIGH STREET, PRAHRAN

Join Catholic families from around Melbourne for a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others.

The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, jumping castle, and animal farm for the kids.

SAVE THE DATE – SOIRÉE

Cabrini Choir *in collaboration with* St Joseph's Music Ministry

Sunday 21 June 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Cabrini Chapel, Malvern



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, / born 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A SYDNODAL 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.

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