

LITURGY OF THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING from the Acts of the Apostles

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

Lord, you will show us the path of life. Alleluia.

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.'

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.

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.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life. Alleluia.

SECOND READING from the first letter of St Peter

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.

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!

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Reflection by Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

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3rd Sunday of Easter Year A 30th April 2017

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises of the faith Communities of:
St Marys Swan Hill,
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Mass Next Weekend:

Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	Swan Hill
Sunday	10.30 am	Swan Hill

Mass this Week:

Tuesday:	5.30pm
Wed:	10.00am
Thursday:	NO MASS
Friday:	11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon Mass

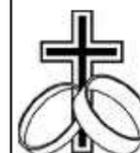
Mass Intentions:

Tuesday: Vince Iannuci



An Easter Prayer God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism: Grace Costa daughter of Joseph and Michaela, Baptised on Saturday night. May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Sarah Bennett and Anthony Rullo on their wedding on Saturday.

Anniversaries: We remember: Victor Bryant, Neil McKerrow, Jack Dullard, Monica Conlan, Peg Richards, Tol Nolan, Terry Lonergan, Basil Butler, Matt O'Halloran, Antonio Colombo. Vince Iannuci.

Prayers for the Sick: Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Jarrod Crimmins, Joy Parsons.

If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. After one month names will be deleted from the list unless otherwise advised.

Cuppa after Mass Next Sunday.

Divine Mercy this Monday 1st May, 1.45 pm – 3.00pm.

CWL meeting this Tuesday 2nd May at 1.30pm in the small meeting room. New members welcome. For more information check our website www.cwlvicww.org. Mothers Day cake and produce stall, Sunday 14th May. Please support.

Over 60's meet NEXT Monday 8th May at 1.30pm.

Mass Count starts on weekend 6-7 May
The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 6-7 May.

Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

A global prayer event will be held on May 5-7 for people to participate wherever they are at the time, by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. For more information and to register go to www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

