



1st Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. (R.v.11)

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

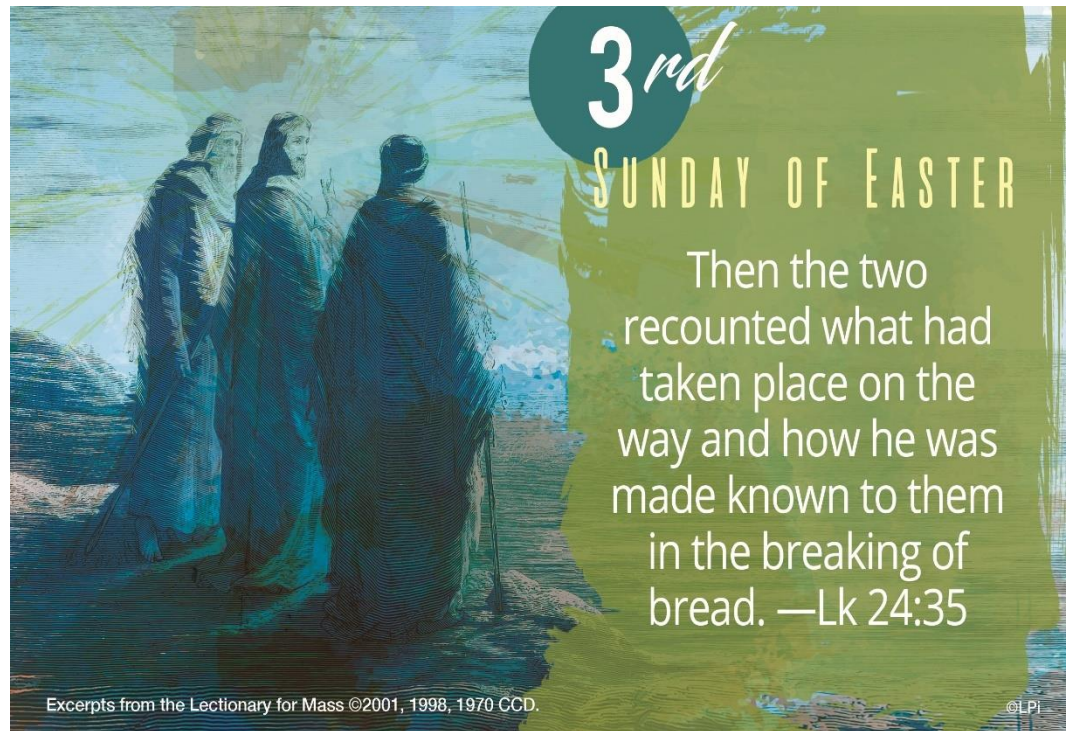
Lord Jesus, make our word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.



LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm

Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm

Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday

Mass, 7am

(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mass, 9.05am

Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm Vigil Mass & Sun 9.30am

1st & 3rd Sun of the month

(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

VOICE FROM THE PEWS

The walk to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories. Two ordinary folks, disciples of Jesus, are walking home. They are sad and discouraged. Everything has gone wrong: All they had hoped for was gone. Jesus joins them, but they don't recognize him. They begin to share what had happened back in Jerusalem and Jesus reminds them of the Scripture readings that foresaw such happenings. During the walk, they do not recognize Jesus. It is at table, in the breaking of the bread, that their eyes are opened.

I think one of the reasons I like this story is that it is such a clear reminder that Christ is in our midst. It is easy to talk about the Jesus we find in Scripture, or the glorified Christ who sits at the right hand of the Father. It is often easier to believe in the miracle

worker and King of Kings than to see Christ in the face of a stranger or beggar. It is sometimes even more difficult to see Jesus in the people we walk with every day—the people in our own homes.

Here's my updated replay of the walk to Emmaus. A woman (or man) comes home from work tired and discouraged. After a half hour of breathing space (we all need time to disengage), she sits down and shares her day with her husband or offspring.

The listener becomes the storyteller as he shares his day. Each person is gently affirmed. Finally, they all sit down together at table, and as they tear into a pizza they smile at each other as they recognize the look of Christ in the face across from them.

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If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another.

If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/>

We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Ferdinand Amores, Lloyd Fernandez, John Warne, Mia Jajo, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Violeta Molina Odart, Mario C Molina, Emily Rosales, Hanna Rose Stewart, Bill Lynch.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Laurie Mooney OSA, Daphne Schellito, Scott Page, Betty Baldacchino, Mervyn Fernandez, Charli Rawlings, Zephyr Morales, Renee Channel.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Rebecca Lim, Lorna Miranda, Erlinda Salvador, Alden Gajo, Leuam Rajasombat, Nestor Peña, John Pusey, Angeles Malixi, Lila Matilda Joseph, Peggy Sinclair, Georgina Briffa, Therese Cotte, Maran Dhanaraj, Doroty Mercieca, Jack Maloney.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the church or go to the link provided below. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week

we are
called to
transform
& change



When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

Second Reading: John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel Reading: Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

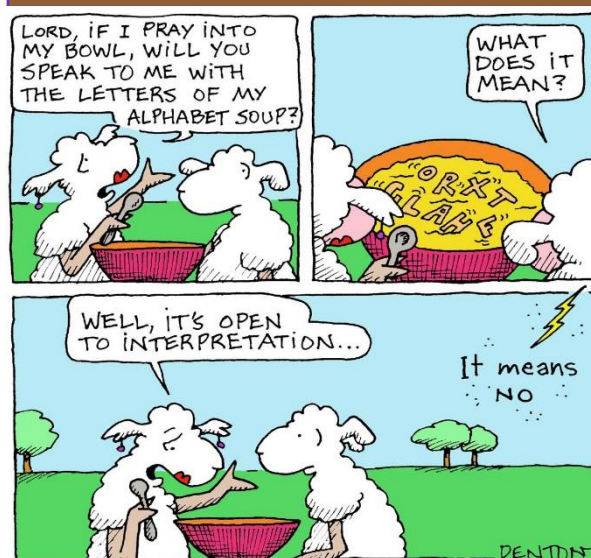
Today's Gospel recounts the Emmaus journey of the two disciples. They recognized the resurrected Christ only when he broke bread with them. Saint Damien of Molokai, whose feast day is May 10, is well known for breaking bread with lepers. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the people who need you to break bread with them. Is it the people who come to the local Catholic Worker House for lunch or the homeless shelter? Is it the young person sitting alone in the cafeteria at school? Spend some time searching your heart and your community to see who needs you to be bread in their lives. Then break bread with someone new this week and discover the face of Christ when you do so.

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WALK WITH PURPOSE



THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

Sheepish Question:

As I follow Jesus today, where do I look and listen for him?

BAPTISM Preparation Meeting

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 9th May 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.

CHARLOTTE WALLACE

(Daughter of George and Aimee)

ABIGAIL BENTO

(Daughter of Nikita Benton)

LILLIANI ROSE & FOX JAE FIFITA

(Children of Latu and Samantha)

AVA THOMAS

(Daughter of Joshua and Lisa)

ERIN ALDECOA

(Daughter of Dexter and Toni)

KACEY ISABELLE DE SILVA

(Daughter of Dharshaka and Ashani)

GABRIELLA NATALIE SPEHAR

(Daughter of Matthew and Marija)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR PETER TANGEY, OSA

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

7th May 2023, 9.30am Mass

Morning Tea will follow - Please bring finger food only



INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a free course to the Parishes of Parramatta Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

1. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
2. Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.



Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.



The Letter to the HEBREWS

Duration: 8 weeks

Registration will be on:

7pm on 27 April 2023

Start: 11th May 2023

*More details will be made available
soon.*

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(Contact: Fleur on 0414838705)

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2023 **Sacramental Preparation**

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Bookings available from 1 March 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis - Tuesday 2 May 5pm or Wednesday 3 May 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: 27 May 3pm, 4 June 11.30am, 18 June 11.30am

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Bookings available from 1 June 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis - Tuesday 25 July 5pm or Wednesday 26 July 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 20 August 11.30am, 26 August 3pm, 27 August 11.30am

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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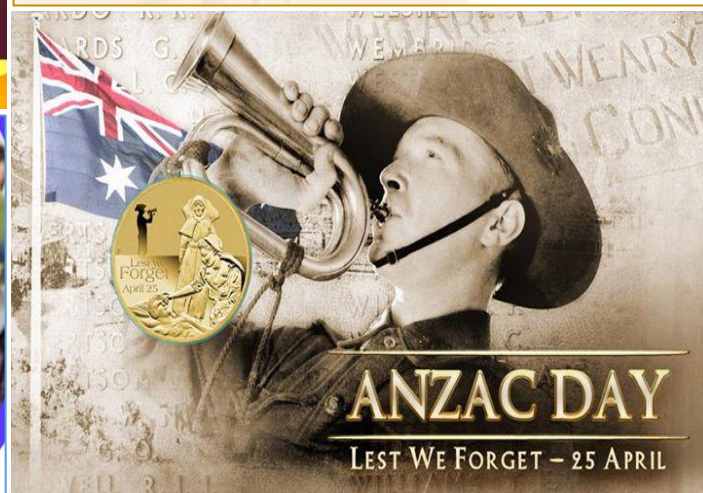


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**FUNERALS THIS WEEK:**

Dear parishioner: we are reserving this space to announce funerals in our parish. Please don't hesitate in advise us for details.

Parish Administrative Support Officer.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



*“The truth is like a lion.
You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend
itself.”*

St Augustine of Hippo

WORDSEARCH

They knew it was Jesus when he broke bread

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Try to find these words:

angels
bread
Cleopas
disappear

eat
Emmaus
house
Jerusalem

Messiah
Scriptures
suffer
three

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CREATION CARE TIPS

“Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.” —Luke 24:13-14

It seems the disciples thought nothing of walking seven miles in a day to get to their destination. This week, make a commitment to walk somewhere you would normally drive to, or if that's not possible, go for a walk in your neighborhood. Besides saving gas, what do you notice around you that you might have missed otherwise because you have to slow down?



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi

NEXT WEEKEND (30TH APRIL): FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

	29 APRIL, 6.30PM	30 APRIL, 8AM	30 APRIL, 9.30AM	30 APRIL, 6PM
1st Reading Acts 2:14-36-41 <i>Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.</i>	Minister at the Altar Tony Cleary	Minister at the Altar Victor Brangwin	Minister at the Altar Alice Zafra	Minister at the Altar Lorensz Herft
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:1-6. R.v.1 <i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>	Eucharistic Ministers Dalton Gonsalvez Mary Fonseca Jacob Fonseca	Eucharistic Ministers Faye Aboghazaleh Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett	Eucharistic Ministers Lou de Guia Luchie Gacis Lorraine Robertson	Eucharistic Ministers Robert Lees Peter Smith Roslyn Smith
2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25 <i>Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.</i>	Reader 1 Sheila Francis	Reader 1 Faye Aboghazaleh	Reader 1 Vasco Gil	Reader 1 Corrine Brooker
Gospel Acclamation See John 10:14 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	Reader 2 Lea Jadraque	Reader 2 Belen Leynes	Reader 2 Nilo Gajo	Reader 2 Jodie Donlan
Gospel John 10:1-10 <i>Jesus the sheepgate.</i>	Commentator Michael Farrugia	Commentator Sonia Sultana	Commentator Sue Oram	Commentator Romeo Prieto
	Music Anglo-Indian Choir	Music Peter Mercia	Music Pedro Calungsod Choir	Music James W & Esther R
	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Christine Younes	Powerpoint Boy Sanosa	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed
	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed	Junior Servers Volunteer Needed
	Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 23 APRIL

Mon 24 Apr: Saint Fidelis Of Sigmaringen, Priest And Martyr
Tue 25 Apr: Anzac Day
Wed 26 Apr: Saint Mark, Evangelist
Thu 27 Apr: Saint Louis Grignon De Montfort, Priest
Fri 28 Apr: Saint Peter Chanel, Priest And Martyr
Sat 29 Mar: Saint Catherine Of Siena, Virgin And Doctor Of The Church

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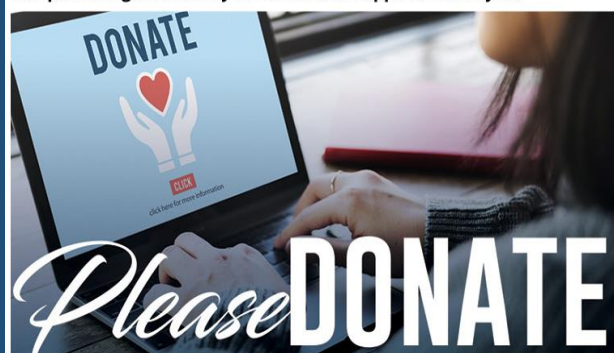
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