



Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Brigid's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

18 April 2021

First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

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 whom 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 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 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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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am	9.00am
St Anne		9.30am			6.00pm	11.00am
St Joachim					5.00pm	10.30am
First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am						

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted.

The government QR coding is now compulsory. Please QR code in each time you attend any of affiliated churches. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive early for Mass so that we may still start on time.

PARISH FOCUS GROUP - SUNDAY MAY 2 @ 11.15AM

In the Parish Hall with Light Refreshments, but RSVP 25 April

Every parishioners voice is important, come along and bring your thoughts, ideas and vision for St Bridget's Future

Transport is available – contact the parish Office.

Let us pray together and be inspired by the prayer of St Francis De Salle;

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;

rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,

God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.



God's Work
Our Hands

Invitation: Parishioners are invited to come together to farewell Fr Mark Reynolds, former Parish Priest at Surrey Hills Wattle Park and St Bridget's Greythorn to June 2020. Due to Covid restrictions last year, this event was postponed until an opportunity where the parish communities could gather in greater numbers.

Please join us at 7.00 pm on Friday 30 April for Mass at Our Holy Redeemer Church, to be followed by a shared supper and an opportunity to thank Fr Mark personally for his ministry and support in our parishes.

To assist with catering and venue planning, please RSVP by **email** or call the Parish Office by Monday 19 April on 9890 2510.

Rosters for April 24 & 25

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
Lectors	E Kelly	E Siva-Pereira
Minister of Holy Communion	L Sanders	M Buxton

Meditation Group – continues on Wednesday morning at 9.30am – via zoom.

Scripture Reflection – will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm via zoom. Please contact Susie Hii for further information or connection details on susiehii.hc@gmail.com

Project Compassion – boxes and envelopes can now be returned and placed in the second collection basket. Many thanks for your support.



Stewardship: Your Stewardship envelopes can now be returned when attending Mass. However for convenience you may continue to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

Church Account – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording) Contributions to this account are used for church maintenance and ongoing operational costs.

Presbytery Account – support of the Parish Priest; support of retired and sick priests and housekeeping costs: Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

St Vincent De Paul Winter Food Drive:

Vinnies Greythorn conference is undertaking a collection of non-perishable food which will be distributed to refugee and other needy families in our local area. As JobKeeper support comes to an end and JobSeeker reduces, we are being challenged to meet the ever increasing need in our community. In partnership with the Hope for Boroondara Food Drive (a project of the Anglican church network), our food donations will be also be channelled to the needy in the Fitzroy, Kew, North Balwyn, Doncaster, Camberwell areas. Until Sunday May 2, please bring your donated food items (non-perishable) to the church and place them in the crates provided in the meeting room (off the narthex). Many thanks for your generosity and support.

Happening Today: Pax Christi Australia presents 'A Moment to Dream: Pope Francis' Pathway to a Better Future. **Sunday 18 April, 2:00pm – 3:30pm.** This webinar explores Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' through a number of sub-topics by various speakers including Fr Kevin Lenehan and Sr Jan Barnett RSJ. Further information contact Caesar D' Mello on Ph 04 5191 191 – caesarmdm@gmail.com or for bookings – contact Rita camrita44@gmail.com