

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18 April 2021



Readings for
this week: Acts 3:13-15 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48



Readings for
next week: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Easter Prefaces

The first part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the Preface, preceding the "Sanctus" or Holy, Holy, Holy. The Roman Missal provide five Easter Prefaces, the first is used from the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter and may be used at other Masses during the Easter Season. The celebrant may choose one of the Easter Prefaces 2-5 during the rest of the season. The feast of Ascension has two Prefaces and Pentecost has its own.

Easter Preface III

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. He never ceases to offer himself for us but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you [Lord]. He is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives forever. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise. ...

Focus on the Gospel

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. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Quote of the Day


Now, brothers and sister, how does the joy of your heart witness to your love for Christ? If you have ever loved Jesus, living, dead, raised to life, on this day when the messages of resurrection are proclaimed over and over again in the Church, your heart rejoices within you and says: "It has been told to me; Jesus, my God, is alive! Homily of Blessed Gueric of Igny (1070-1157)

On the Lighter Side

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room.

After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you to behave, He will answer your prayer." "Oho, I didn't ask Him to help me," said Billy, "I asked God to help you to put up with me."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	James Kearney, Michael Kearney, Bill Corrigan
	Our sick and their carers	Carmel Trevaskis

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 24 April	Sunday 25 April
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Rob Miller
Reader	Debbie Turvey	Kaye Gaffy
Presentation of Gifts	J Webster A Ciavarella	M Normington M Sgammotta
Screen/Organ Operator	Debbie Worm	Trish Warnett

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Reconciliation will be held in the Nun's Chapel on Saturday 24th April 2021 at 11:30 am

Diary Note – 2nd May
 Please put a note in your diary that there will be a Cuppa After Mass on Sunday 2nd May, to celebrate Fr John Paul's 10 year Ordination Anniversary.

Mass Timetable
Week commencing 19th April

Weekday Mass
 Monday 19th April No Mass
 Tuesday 20th April No Mass
 Wednesday 21st April 9:15 am Mass
 Thursday 22nd April No Mass
 Friday 23rd April 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass
 Saturday 24th April 5:30 pm Mass
 Sunday 25th April 9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
 Saturday 24th April 11:30 am

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst welcomes Report for Safeguarding Audit.

The overall audit findings showed 96% compliance, with the Diocese showing full implementation or substantially implementing 97/103 indicators that are relevant to its operations, and a further 4 indicators in the initial stages of implementation. The 12 recommendations which were recommended by the audit have all been accepted by the Diocese.

Bishop Shane is very happy with the endorsement of the safeguarding efforts undertaken by the Diocese and Parishes.

The Diocese recognizes that ensuring the safety and care of children, and adults at risk, requires that safeguarding be an ongoing priority.

The full media release is available in the Narthex.

Public Consultation opens for Catholic Church's New Modal for Complaints and Redress in Victoria.

The public consultation period for the new process of response to complaints and redress relating to abuse in the Catholic Church is now open. The consultation phase will run from 13April to 14 May 2021

The full media release is available in the Narthex

Plenary Council Zoom Reflection Session.

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, Wednesday 28th April. We will be reflecting on the question "HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?"

All are welcome to participate. Please register for the zoom link:
plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Term 2 starts on Monday 19th April

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