

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**23 April 2023**



*Readings for  
this week:* Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35



*Readings for  
next Sunday:* Acts 2:14, 36-41  
1 Peter 2:20-25  
John 10:1-10



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Fraction Rite

We hear at the end of the gospel passage today: “That they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.” In New Testament times the Eucharistic celebration was often called “the Breaking of the Bread”. This expression was taken both from the Last Supper and the meal at Emmaus where Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave to the disciples. In the old Missal, this action was titled the Breaking of the Bread and in the new (2010) it is simply a rubric: “if the fraction is prolonged “Lamb of God” is repeated. This is indicative of changes over the centuries, the fraction rite was sometimes seen as merely functionary and at other times quite symbolic. Theodore of Mopsuestia (d 428) explained the rite as Christ “breaking himself so that all may receive, as at the Last Supper and in several appearances after his resurrection.

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## Looking at the Gospels

The Easter post-catechumenate instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread. © Dianne Bergant CSA


## Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily

The women leave the tomb behind and run to the disciples to proclaim a change of course: Jesus is risen and awaits them in Galilee. Those women experienced Easter as a Pasch, a passage. They are to set out immediately to reach a destination, Galilee. There they will meet the Risen Lord. The resurrection of the hearts of the disciples passes through Galilee. Let us enter into this journey of the disciples from the tomb to Galilee. Let us ask ourselves today, brothers and sisters: what does it mean to go to Galilee? Two things: to leave the enclosure of the Upper Room and go to the land of the Gentiles, to come forth from hiding and to open themselves up to mission, to leave fear behind and to set out for the future. Secondly it is a return to the origins, for it was precisely in Galilee that everything began. There the Lord had met and first called the disciples. So, to go to Galilee means to return to the grace of the beginnings, to regain the memory that regenerates hope, the “memory of the future” bestowed on us by the Risen One. (Abridged part 2)

## On the Lighter Side

Life is a journey that must be travelled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations - Oliver Goldsmith.



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Tom Flanagan, Bill Corrigan, Bill Connelly
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey, Bill Worm, Teresa Mutto, Vito Prinzi

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sun 10:30 am 30 April	Mary Gale	Ross Kelly	Connie Serra	Magdalena Sgammotta Nita Basile	Steve De Lai	Chior Trish Warnett
Sat 6:00 pm 6 May	Carol Coulston	Shelia Gregg	Peter Crombie	Joyce Caiafa Delphi Hamilton	N/A	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 7 May	Rob Miller	Anne-Marie Nihill	Nita Basile	Barry & Jan Lowe	Evert Worm	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 14 May	Debbie Worm	Mary Vraca	Doreen Corrigan	Denice Bourke Debbie Turvey	Connie Serra	Mary Gale Trish Warnett

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 24 April

### Weekday Mass

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr No Mass  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Apr No Mass  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:15 am Mass  
 Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Apr No Mass  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Apr No Mass  
 Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass


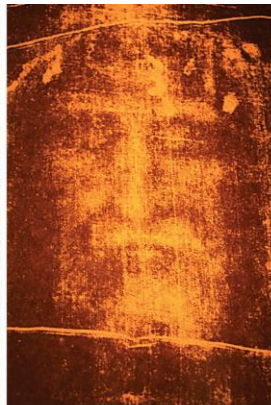

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May No Mass  
 Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> May No Mass  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9:15 am Mass  
 Thur 4<sup>th</sup> May No Mass  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May 9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass


Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May 6:00 pm Mass  
 Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May 10:30 am Mass

**Reconciliation** 6th May

Though loneliness can at times lead to desperation, it can also be the start of a journey to faith. To be lonely occasionally is a reminder that within us is a void that can be filled only by Jesus who walks with us, even if his presence is often unrecognised. *"God's Word 2023"*

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# HOW ISLAM LED ME BACK TO CHRIST

**CHARBEL RAISH**


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Date: Tuesday 25th April, 2023  
 Time: 7:30pm  
 Venue: Lecture Theatre  
 University of Melbourne  
 Shepparton Campus  
 49 Graham Street, Shepparton

Hosted By: "To Know Him is to Love Him:  
 Catechesis for Today's Catholic"



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*"Lord, you will show us the path of Life  
 Psalm 16"*

## Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

## Themes for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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The readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter for Year A encourage us to truly walk the path of discipleship. In the first reading Peter boldly proclaims the Good News. The psalm reminds us that God will guide us along the path of life. The second reading explains that Jesus Christ died so we could have new life. And in the gospel, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

**The Road to Emmaus:** Two disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, when they were joined by a stranger who was actually Jesus himself. The theme of the Road to Emmaus is about recognizing the risen Christ in unexpected places and unexpected ways.

**Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread:** In the Gospel reading for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.

**Witnessing and Testimony:** Christians are called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, and to share their testimony of how their lives have been changed by their faith in him. This theme is reflected in the reading from Acts, in which Peter proclaims the good news of Jesus' resurrection to a crowd in Jerusalem.

**Discipleship:** Christians are called to recognize Jesus in unexpected ways, to share their testimony of faith, to spread the good news of Jesus, and to study and apply the teachings of scripture in their lives. We are called to continual growth and transformation in the Christian faith. Being a disciple of Jesus involves a lifelong journey of learning, service, and devotion.

**Fellowship:** We come together to share in the Eucharistic celebration, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by his presence in the bread and wine. We are not called to follow Jesus alone, but to be part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in our faith.

## More Thoughts for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A

We don't know why the two disciples didn't recognize Jesus while they were walking with him. Perhaps it would have been too easy that way. Instead they have to wrestle with their disappointment and confusion as they talk to him. They talked to him honestly with their emotions exposed.

This can be a model for us. Often we don't see Jesus with us during difficult times in our lives. But we should talk to him openly about how we feel, unafraid to share our negative feelings and disappointment. In the course of this conversation, we may see things differently.

In the end they do clearly see Jesus. Through conversing with him, their hearts turned from the ashes of disappointment to hearts on fire.

## Reflection Questions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A

- Can I think of a time in my life when I didn't recognize Jesus?
- How patient am I when I am praying?
- Who in my life is feeling hopelessness and despair? How can I help?



## Learn More About the Proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum

St Brendan's Parish will host a Zoom session with constitutional law expert, Professor Anne Twomey on Wednesday, April 26.  
Where: St Brendan's Parish MPJC at 5:15pm  
Or <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82017987599>  
Meeting ID: 820 1798 7599



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