

GOSPEL Lk 24: 35-48
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

18 APRIL 2021

THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You 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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

(or 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

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 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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WEEKEND MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

(18th April, 10am, No 9am)

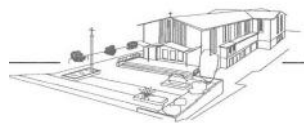
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Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

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From my desk

Greetings one and all. At St Andrew's this Sunday we will welcome Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP as he installs me as Parish Priest of Malabar at 10am Mass, remember there will be **NO 9am Mass** this Sunday. A morning tea will follow the Mass, and I am grateful for those who have brought along a plate of food to celebrate.

As mentioned last weekend, an Installation Mass will take place on Sunday, 16 May, 2021 at St Agnes', Matraville 10am Mass, where Bishop Richard Umbers will install me as Parish Priest.

I am very grateful to both Archbishop Anthony and Bishop Richard for presiding over these important liturgical ceremonies, in taking up my responsibilities as Parish Priest of these our two parishes. Both parishes have a rich history of disciples of God's love, and continue to reach out in this 21st Century, and beyond, in his command to 'Go Make Disciples'.

Thanks to all at St Agnes' and St Andrew's in making me feel so welcome. I look forward in continuing to walk with you all, as your Parish Priest.

Next Sunday is ANZAC Day, there will be commemoration within our Masses.

Keep in mind 40 hours for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, 23-25 April at St Joachim's Lidcombe. Spend an hour with Jesus for Vocations. Visit VOCATIONCENTRE.org.au for further details.

God Bless

Fr John

Dear Parishioners, as you may have noticed the Malabar Processional Cross has been missing, for some time? The reason is, that it has been at the Restorers being restored. This is a wonderfully, beautiful cross, that we now can appreciate fully in its restorative beauty. There are other items of beauty that are also in need of restoring, since our church opened in 1977. A book of donors has been acquired, so that anyone wishing to make a donation (please place in an envelope and place in any of the collection baskets), can write your name or your family's name to be remembered and inscribed in the Donors Book. Thank you, for your generous giving.

PARISH OUTING – Tuesday, 1st June 2021

Outing by Coach to the **Aviation Museum Albion Park** and lunch at **The Builders Club, Wollongong**. \$50 per person (includes coach fare, museum entry, morning tea, and lunch. Full Payment by Sunday, 2 May. Call, Kathy Sullivan: 9311 1749/Marie Jennings: 9661 7186.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Cardinal Cassidy, Charlie Xuereb, Helen Ryan,

Connie Kelleher, Evelyn Harriott & Joaquin L Delgado-Reeves

Anniversary: Aileen Langdon, Linda Davis, Monica Kearney, Clare Pekin, Tony Galea, Greg Hayson, Daniel and Adelaida Soriano

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code**

St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the **physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths)** at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles

All in the Planned Giving and those wanting to join (St Andrew's Parish), are kindly asked to fill in the notification form on the table near the donation boxes. If we have accurate information, we may be able to give a higher tax deduction in the new financial year.
Sincere thanks for your generosity.

Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday, 17 April – 5pm Malabar, Sunday 18 April - 10am Malabar (Installation)
Next Week: Sunday 25 April – 10am Matraville