



## 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 Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

14 April 2024

## 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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Next week 4<sup>th</sup> Easter: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

## Fr Stan writes ...

On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. You will notice over this Easter season that as proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus often eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Our parish school children and staff are off on their first break for this year. We wish them a safe and happy holiday. See you all next term.



**FLAME GIFTS needs volunteers:** Our parish shop - Flame Gifts is operated entirely by volunteers and we need your help. We have a number of short Volunteer Shifts that need to be filled, from 9am-12noon or 12 - 3:15pm  
If you have some time and you would like to join our great team of volunteers, please contact Jenny Hodges on 0466 933 811. No experience needed and complete training will be provided.



Again, many thanks for your generosity with our Easter Collections.

Project Compassion raised \$7,753.85

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Contact Cathy on [hsnrria@gmail.com](mailto:hsnrria@gmail.com) for further information OR pick up the brochure "Becoming Catholic" in our church foyer.

*Behold, I make all things new.*  
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY  
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

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**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Teresa Talarico, Vianney Brown, Greg Forrester, Joseph Papandrea, Vic & Avonia Moran, Michael Maglunog, Jenny Scully Callaghan, Andrew Chan.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF:** Denis O'Neill, Frank Woodley, Wil Wilson, Theresa Boyle recently deceased.

Also, Giuseppe Petrolo, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Angelo & Carmela & Angelo Scicluna, Albert Khoshaba, George Maiolo, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torristi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Gianni & Angelina Gualdi, Antonino, Tindara & Vincenzo Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Albert Koshaba, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Edgar J Szabo, Eleno & Estrello Etor, Michael Ellis, Antonio Fonti, Grazia Fonti, Onofrio Casamento, Domenica Casamento, Joseph Casamento and the deceased members of the Romagos, Moniks, Collado, Acosta families.

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