

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.

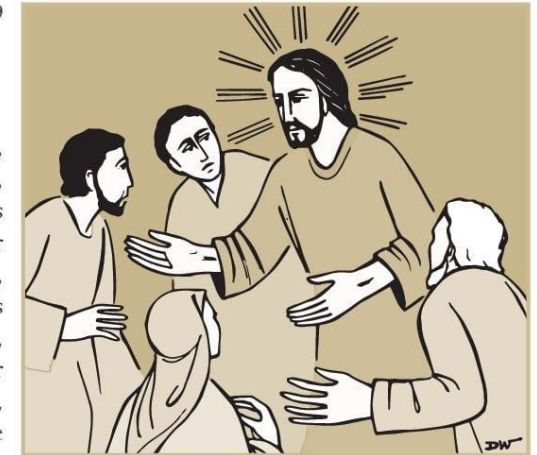
(or Alleluia!)

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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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20th Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Third Sunday of Easter – 18th April 2021



Recently Deceased: Kath Dwyer, Ivy Streatfeild, Maria Teresa Tong Thi Bich Thuy

Our Deceased: Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill, Eileen & John Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani; Samuel Laguzza, Nicola & Sapienza Tedesco, Nunzia & Salvatore Fallico,

Our Sick: Donald Mees, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Mark the Evangelist, 25th of April

PARISH NEWS:

- Next weekend is ANZAC Day. Let's pray for those who have died in service of our country
- **Thank you for supporting the Holy Places Appeal.** We have raised \$2750 to help the people and preserve the sacred places in the Holy Land.
- **The Heartbeat Easter to Pentecost Series are now available.** We invite all the prayer groups who participated in our Lenten Program to continue with the Easter to Pentecost series. To get a copy, please email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au
- **We welcome and thank Fr Brian Wilson and Fr William Chow for celebrating Mass while Fr Martin is away for a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Varroville.**
- **We invite all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to attend a Formation & Training Course** organized by the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney on the 15th & 22nd of May, 9am-12nn, St Charles Borromeo Parish Centre, Ryde. If interested, collect a registration form in the foyer or contact the parish office. Baptism certificate is required.
- **Midweek Men's Prayer Hour:** Next gathering will be on Wed, 21st April at 7pm.
- **Men's Choir.** Are you interested in joining? Please call 0400 303 733.
- **HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COVID-SAFE.** Attendance at all Masses are on a first come, first served basis. We can have up to 260 people at any one time subject to the 2sqm rule. Congregational singing is now permitted. Passing of bulletins & collection plates remains suspended. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Camino of St Joseph: An overnight pilgrimage for men, Fri 30th Apr–Sat 1st May.** The Camino will commence with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8pm Fri, 30th Apr at Holy Family, Menai. The walk will include stops at several churches, with an opportunity for reflection and adoration. Concludes with a Mass & breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, 7am, 1st of May. Register at: www.sydneycatholic.org/camino. See poster on noticeboard.

- **2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love:** Sat 14th Aug, 10 am, and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 Aug & 02 Sep 2021. For info call (02) 9307 8480 or E: steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org. To book - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

LAW – some insights!

One of my particular interests is writing down the Latin mottos of various Christian schools, hospitals and even secular departments such as a Police Department. Then often with the assistance of *Doctor Google* I translate the Latin into English.

The Latin motto of a Police Department in a big American city is *servire et tueri*, when this is translated into English the words are *to serve and to protect*.

Good law should always be based on truth and then be an instrument in serving and protecting people. The 10 Commandments (Exodus Ch.20 verse 1 to 17) center on the good and the just organization structures of any society. History has revealed that when good laws are either defied or ignored then the society itself will become both dangerous and unstable. Historically we only need to look back a thousand years to the widespread conflict that happened with the East and West split in Christianity and then five hundred years later with the Reformation crisis. The reality of diversity happens within any organization yet it also needs to be aligned to respecting good law and order.

Good laws are there to serve and protect the freedom and the dignity of all people yet this is a constant choice that people need to make. Jesus of Nazareth knew this and then said; “that not one dot, not one little stroke is to disappear from the law until its purpose is achieved.” (Matthew Ch.5 verse 17)

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02)9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 25th Apr 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – M Nassif)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	C Tumminello	R Lock	D Ie	T Jonas
Junior Servers	J Quizon S Gibbons		L Persia A Butler	L McCudden E Egan
Readers	R: C Mourani C: I Mourani	R: P Porta C: W Chick	R: L Butler C: R Tibbertsma	R: A Di Bella C: C McCaughan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S Gibbons V Mourani	A Blomfield J Sun	C McPhillips M Polson	L Tesoriero S Ramundi