

something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

23 APRIL 2023

## CHRIST'S FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PLAN

In order to piece a jigsaw together, a great deal of patience is required, as well as the skill of being able to work out the relationship of one piece to the pieces around it. Slowly, large patterns begin to take shape, and so it was with the early Church. In the light of the experience of the Risen Lord, and the catalyst provided by the gift of the Spirit, the first generation of Christians was able to place the life, death and resurrection of Jesus into their proper context. The gift of the Spirit enabled Peter to see that all that had taken place in the life of Jesus was part of a larger plan, and took place with God's foreknowledge. Even Jesus' death was but a preliminary step towards his exaltation and ability to pour out the gift of the Spirit on those who believe.

In a similar vein, Peter saw that promises made before the world began were now fulfilled in Jesus. While the end of days was seen to have already begun, the final pieces of the jigsaw had yet to be put in place. In the meantime, the community was called to remember with gratitude the price Jesus had paid for our freedom, and to live appropriately till the Lord's return.

For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was not an easy matter to see how the pieces of the puzzle of Jesus' life fitted together. As they journeyed, they were helped by the Risen Lord to finally understand the message contained in the Scriptures and to recognise him with them in the breaking of the bread.

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## FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, / for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. / So my heart was glad / and my tongue cried out with joy: / my body, too, will rest in the hope / that you will not abandon my soul to Hades / nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. / You have made known the way of life to me, / you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:17-21

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

■ **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!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but

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**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Reflection:**

Hope is the virtue that enables us to dream big dreams and work to put them into reality. But we often need our hopes nourished, because if what we hope for is important – peace, care for the elderly, an end to the death penalty, a rejuvenated and healed church, good liturgy and preaching in our parish, housing for the elderly, an end to domestic violence, equality of women and gays in our churches and communities, fair treatment for immigrants, and so much more – then we will need encouragement, perseverance, passion, clear thinking and the support of a believing and hoping community. We need the Word of God, the Eucharist and a faith community that shares our dreams and gives us hope.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- When I am discouraged who give me hope?
- Who are the people in the world who kindle hope in me and challenge me to persevere in my good works?

**Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday at 9.30am Mass at St Dominic's.**

**Safeguarding Officers**

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045  
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**MASS THIS WEEKEND**

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses*

Sat 22 April 6pm St Dom  
Sun 23 April 8am OLGC  
Sun 23 April 9.30am Morning Tea after Mass St Dom

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

Tues 25 April 9am ANZAC Day Mass St Dom  
Tues 25 April 7pm St Dom  
Wed 26 April 9am St Dom  
Thurs 27 April 9am OLGC  
Fri 28 April 9am St Dom  
Fri 28 April 10.30am Birralelee  
Sat 29 April 9am OLGC

**MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Sat 29 April 6pm St Dom  
Sun 30 April 8am OLGC  
Sun 30 April 9.30am St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

**Parish Vision Statement**

Inspired by Christ, we continue to be a welcoming and inclusive community.

**Parish Mission Statement**

The Innaloo/Karrinyup Catholic Community, centered on the teachings of Christ, strives to build a strong sense of belonging. Celebrating and sharing the love of Christ, we reach out to bring compassion and hope to others.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

The Conference started in the Parish in 1954. We are at risk of closing now and new members are urgently needed to join the Conference of four, to continue helping people in need in our local community. If you can give one and half hours a week to help others then we welcome your support. We visit in our local area on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All enquiries welcome.  
Contact Barbara 0488100799.

**Upcoming Events**

Liturgy meeting: 26 April 5pm Innaloo  
PPC meeting: 26 April 6.30pm Innaloo  
Finance meeting: 27 April 6.30pm Innaloo  
Youth Group: 13 May 4pm St Dom parish centre

<b>Rosters this weekend</b>	<b>22 April 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>23 April 8am OLGC</b>	<b>23 April 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers	P Truda	B Webb	C Nevin
Acolyte	P Wall		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society	Group 2	I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	Morning tea after Mass

<b>Rosters next weekend</b>	<b>29 April 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>30 April 8am OLGC</b>	<b>30 April 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers	K Hart	B Croxford	L Marciano
Acolyte	W Italiano		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	K Wear E Jeffery		
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	

**Senior's Group**

Tuesday 25th April, 10:00am at Waldeck's Blue Lotus café for coffee etc. Table booked.

**Parish Golf**

Next Sunday 30 April: Tee off 4pm at Hamersley Golf Course.