

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

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YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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 away our sins, 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!

Welcome to
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3rd Sunday of Easter

Reflection:

After curing a crippled beggar, Peter announces what the first generation of Christians and we believe: Christ is raised from the dead and a new age has dawned. The old order of death is passing away. Jesus is alive and his followers are showing in their words and actions bold signs of his healing presence working with them.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Can I name some ways I witness to my faith in the risen Christ?
- How am I a sign to others of Jesus' healing presence in the world?

Baptisms

We welcome Luna and Rowan Griffiths, daughter and son of Thomas and Sujung into our parish community. These children will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Griffiths family.

Senior's Group

Next meeting is Tuesday 23rd April, lunch at Tassels Restaurant, 8 Tassels Place, Innaloo, 12noon.
 Tony 0419 949 634 or Wyn 0407 261 500

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
 OLGC - Dr Rina Cercarelli (PhD) 0413 835 852

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 13 April 6pm Vincenzo Truda St Dom
 Sun 14 April 8am Deborah Schurmann OLGC
 Sun 14 April 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 16 April 7pm St Dom
 Wed 17 April 9am St Dom
 Thurs 18 April 9am OLGC
 Fri 19 April 9am St Dom
 Sat 20 April 9am **communion service** OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 20 April 6pm St Dom
 Sun 21 April 8am OLGC
 Sun 21 April 9.30am St Dom
Reconciliation will be celebrated before & after every weekend Mass or by appointment. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or parish office 9446 1666 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the:

- Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures
- Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention.
- Reporting of concerns.
- Role of the Safeguarding Officer.
- Collective Responsibility and Care.

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The next upcoming session is Wednesday, 19 June, 6-7 pm at St Andrew Community Hall, 60 Victorsen Parade, Clarkson.

Phone 9221 7762 or register online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Rosters next weekend	13 April 6pm St Dom	14 April 8am OLGC	14 April 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	K Wear	R Mendis
Acolyte	I Azzalin		L Commins
Offertory Procession		M Scaffidi D D'Souza	
Altar Society			
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	
EMHC	Pat, Dermot		Ignatius, Donald

Rosters next weekend	20 April 6pm St Dom	21 April 8am OLGC	21 April 9.30am St Dom
Readers	K Italiano	M Smith	S Von Perger
Acolyte	W Italiano		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		T Dinh P Trong	
Altar Society			
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Peggy, Isabel		Gillian, Darry

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his uncorruptible body plus Rome, the Vatican and St Peter's Basilica. Full board cost: \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For itinerary/booking form, call Sheila 0433 771 979, Veronica 0402 290 827 or info@anawimjourneys.com