

Reflection

In the Breaking of the Bread

Luke, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognise who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming to mass pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognise Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen.

Resource used. *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

CHANGE OF DATE

St John's parish is participating in reconciliation. Any parishioners, young and older, are invited to participate in the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group for our parish. Please come to a first meeting for 2023 on **Thursday, 27 April, 7:30pm** in the St John the Apostle Parish Centre. Thank you.

DO NOT TOUCH THE HEATER CONTROL PANELS



The heaters are set to keep the Church at a constant warm temperature. Some one attempted to change the temperature on one of the controllers and dislodged it completely from the wall. This made the heating ineffective.

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5.00-6:30pm Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May,

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)
Join director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session [previously Siloam Program], this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance for working with dreams', consider the potential for our dreams to shape the future. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

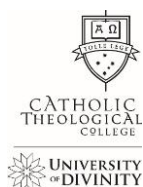
Catholic Theological College

*Sign up for one of
18 online sessions.*

Engaging Your Faith—May 2023

*Theology, Vatican II, Scripture,
Spirituality, Science & Faith.*

Choose what interests you
from \$25 per session.



For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

2023-2024 Rosters

The Ministry Rosters for the period of 1 June 2023 – 30 May 2024 are currently being compiled.

We have many vacancies in the Hospitality, SJA Shop and Grounds Maintenance rosters.

Would you please give prayerful consideration to taking up a ministry.

Our parish needs your gifts to enhance the life and ministry of the parish.

We welcome Fr. Loi Viovicente

Who will be celebrating all Masses this weekend in our parish as Frs. Kimi and Chung are attending the MSC Chapter.

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day.

MSC PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Frs. Kimi and Chung along with Marian England are attending the MSC Provincial Chapter and return

Tuesday 25 April.

Monday 24 April will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

POT LUCK LUNCH

To welcome Fr. Chung to our parish, there will be a Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday 30 April at 11:30am for Noon in the parish centre.

Please bring a salad or dessert. Meat and drinks will be supplied.

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 26 April** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

ETHICS WITH Fr. Philip Malone msc

The God I believe in is the God I respond to

Wednesday 10 May 2023

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Catholic Church

An opportunity to reflect on the choices we make in life as followers of Jesus.

You can read about Fr. Philip's bio on the flyer on the webpage or on email that was sent on Monday 17 April.

REMINDER

Saturday Vigil Mass is now 5:00pm

Confessions: 4:00pm – 4:30pm

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Eucharist, Memorial of all the miracles of Jesus.

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption.

It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces.

It renews the sacrifice of Calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body.

It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven.

It is the glory of the Church, the profound symbol and active centre of its unity.

The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us.

It comes from this Heart like a river from its source.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 214f Paris 1900

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

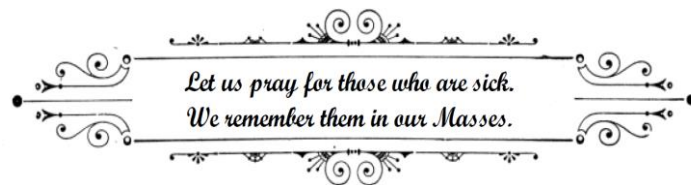
The Sojourn

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." The Gospel passage describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

Like these two disciples we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

However, they are transformed when they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Michael Quigley, Andrea Sannazzaro, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Denis Carey, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich, Pauline O'Gorman, John Braddon.

Mass Intentions the week of 24 – 30 April

Mon 24/04	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 26/04	Deceased members of the Sheehan and McGrath family
Thur 27/04	Shannon Reed
Fri 28/04	Kobe McInerney

Sat 29/04	
5:00pm	Shannon Reed

Sun 30/04	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Steve Smith

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.

Youth Group

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]

Sunday Dates 7:00pm – 9:00pm

30 April

28 May

25 June

Enquiries to the parish office 6254 3236 or
kippax@cg.org.au

Formation and Training Session

This is session is for Acolytes and
Ministers of Communion
Sunday 7th May – 3:30pm - In the church

For more information contact
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
Make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.
Alleluia

Readings – 30 April 2023

First Reading	Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm	Ps 22:1-6
Second Reading	1 Pt 2:20-25
Gospel	John 10:1-10

ROSTERS

30 April

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Mary French
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Anna Cirocco, Margaret Luck

30 April

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Elaine Laycock

30 April

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson

30 April

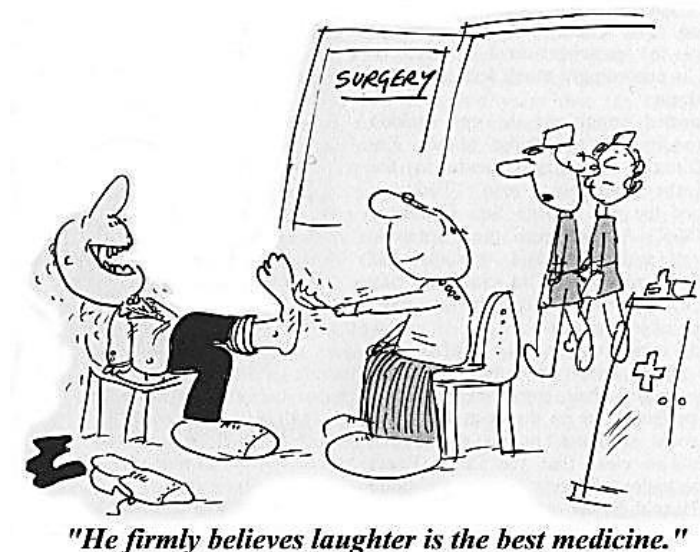
SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	23 Apr	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	29 Apr	ALL GROUPS
Church Cleaning:	23 Apr	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note



"He firmly believes laughter is the best medicine."