

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

19 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

(R.) 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 Pt 1:17-21

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.

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!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

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 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



Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

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 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, 'Didn't 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.

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19th of April 2026

REMINDER: Parish Sacramental Program 2026—First Reconciliation

Information day: Friday April 24th, 2026 at 4 pm. **Classes:** will be held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of May & 5th, 12th, 19th of June 2026.

Celebration: will be held at St. Patrick's church on Friday June 26th, 4:30 pm.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enrol your child into our sacramental program, by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au

Good Shepherd Sunday 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, **but if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025, 10.00am–11.30am

Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne



Synod Corner: Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

THANK YOU!

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. We would like all donations handed in by Sunday 26th April, so that we can start to get receipts out to parishioners. Thanks



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Vicar General, Fr. Tony Kerin for coming to celebrate the 10.45am Mass in Kilmore, as a memorial to Fr. Grant O'Neill. Thanks also to Fr. Anthony Girolami.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during Holy Week.

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford

6.30 pm, Kilmore

Sun 8.45 am, Wallan

10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore

Wed 9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

8.15am, Tuesday to Saturday before 9am morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 18 Apr : SATURDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 19 Apr: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Memorial Mass for Fr. Grant O'Neill,
St. Patrick's
12 noon Baptisms, St Patrick's

Mon, 20 Apr: MONDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

8.30 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Tue, 21 Apr: TUESDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 22 Apr: WEDNESDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way

Thu, 23 Apr: THURSDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 24 Apr: FRIDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation Information Session,
St Patrick's Church

Sat, 25 Apr : SATURDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER— ANZAC DAY

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 26 Apr: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's

The Secret of the Holy Face Australian Tour

Fr Lawrence Carney, author of *The Secret of the Holy Face*, has dedicated many years to promoting and teaching this powerful devotion. Fr Carney will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. **Melbourne dates:** 26 & 27 April.

Humanitix.com – search for *The Secret of the Holy Face* to find 3 locations in Melbourne - (Blackburn North, Mill Park & Caroline Springs). *Free tickets for entry / donations to be collected after talk. Books and merchandise available (cash sales).* Contact: Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971



ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME

Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday, 22nd April, at 1 pm. All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

Easter Collection—Many people wanted to give an offering to the church at the Easter Vigil Masses, however due to an oversight, no collection was taken. We are leaving Easter Offering envelopes out, for those who wish to contribute to the Church loose collection for Easter.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>18/19 Apr</u>	<u>25/26 Apr</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	18 Apr	25 Apr
Reader	C. Stokes	D. Mercovich
EMHC	J. Dixon	C. Rowe
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	18 Apr	25 Apr
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	J. Jain
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	19 Apr	26 Apr
Reader	N, Ryan	P, Hutchinson
EMHC	G. Pannuzzo	M. McGowan
EMHC	M. Hoban	V. Lawrence
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	19 Apr	26 Apr
Reader	G. Campbell	K. Archer
EMHC	C. Mathew	L. Dunlop
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	J. Jain	M. Fleischmann
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	Michelle Ramsay & family	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Eileen Mary Leahy, Peter Duff, Dante (Danny) D'Elia, Frank Devlin, Frances Prattico, Neil Schwab, Henryka Senkowski, Nicole Henderson, Barry Rupert Crump, Coralie Urquhart, Martin Thomas Doolan, Ellen Ryan, Henry Stute, Peter Best, Bill McDonald, Saverio Ferraresi, Rose Reddan and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield, Dorothy Yarwood and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. Our next weekend is coming up.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: April 24 - 26th, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. & November 6 - 8th, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.