



SUNDAY 19TH APRIL, 2026 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

Opening of Hearts and Minds in the Breaking of the Bread

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's Gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and an unnamed disciple) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They urge him to share a meal with them despite his seeming reluctance and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread. He disappears from their midst.

They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transformative way. Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples.

Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Christ that is the ground of their new faith.

As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only

understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts to those who suffer the devastating effects of war and of the climate crisis, we might come to participate more deeply in the joy of the resurrection.

Opening our hearts is always possible even if the rising cost of living makes opening of homes increasingly difficult for some. In these times, many of us know the experience of reverse ministry where those rendered poor, many of them "strangers" in our lands, show us what it means to be "of God".

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died recently and for **Gregory Formosa** and **Maria Pham Thi Tin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.



Why listening matters in the Church

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 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, '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 the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.*

Communion Antiphon: Luke 24:35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

HOSPITALITY

This Weekend, **18 & 19 April**, there will be Hospitality after the **5pm and 9.30am Masses**. Parishioners are invited to stop after Mass for a cuppa and chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

On the weekend of **2nd and 3rd May**, there will be an extra Collection for the Catholic Care appeal in each of the churches. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee, asylum, housing support for families.

EASTER HOME BLESSING

You are invited to take home a small bottle of Easter water (only 1 per family please) and an Easter Home Blessing Prayer Card to bless your homes and pray with your family during this Easter Season.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Sets of Envelopes due to commence the beginning of May, are available at the back of the church for parishioners to collect.

JOSEPH'S CORNER HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

We warmly invite you to join us at our **High Tea Fundraiser on 3rd May from 2pm – 5pm at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. 3018**. Ticket price; \$40 per person.

For table bookings of 10 or any dietary requirements, please contact Rob Quail on 0407687003. Your attendance will directly support families that need our help.

We are also **seeking donations of goods, services, or vouchers** for our silent and main room auctions. Any contribution would be sincerely appreciated. P.S. Bring cash or card for our auctions and raffle.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the world Day of Prayer for vocations. During the coming week, perhaps you might like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The number of parishioners in attendance, including babies, will be recorded at all Weekend Masses in every Parish throughout the Archdiocese during the month of May.

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LITURGY TIMES**TUESDAY MASS**

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am

St Augustine's....9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:**SATURDAYS** after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

On hold until further notice

COLLECTIONS**THE FIRST COLLECTION** supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.**THE SECOND COLLECTON** (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use these account details.**St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:**
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Unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record details and put the card on the collection plate or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your donations of non-perishable food. Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tins of tuna, tinned fruit, rice, jam, biscuits; washing powder/liquid, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes are always needed.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK18th & 19th April 2026**3rd Sunday of Easter A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Pat McLaughlin

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am ... Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

COUNTING: John Ryan**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**25th & 26th April 2026**4th Sunday of Easter A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am ... Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Khanh Nguyen

COUNTING: Phillip Marques**SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities.

The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.