

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 witness 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.
Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

Second Reading 1 Peter 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.
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
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 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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3rd Easter Sunday Year A

26th April 2020



"Recognition of the Risen Lord"

Today's Gospel passage narrates the story of two disciples who went to Emmaus on Easter Sunday evening. They were unable to comprehend the purpose of God in the life of Jesus, especially in the context of the Crucifixion. They described Jesus as a prophet 'mighty in deed and in word before God and all his people.' They even hoped that Jesus would be the One who would redeem Israel. Their dreams had been shattered when Jesus was crucified and was buried. In fact they failed to see beyond Crucifixion to the possibility of Resurrection.

But the Risen Lord joined them on their journey and showed them that it was necessary for Him to die and to enter into glory and illuminates their hearts. He illuminates their hearts in two ways, first, explaining the whole scripture beginning from Moses to all the prophets. The second illumination comes to them when they recognize Him at the breaking of the Bread. In the Gospel story, Emmaus became a place of transformation when they recognized the Lord at the breaking of bread.

Jesus is the light of the world. He removes darkness of our minds and hearts. May we pray to Jesus along with John Milton: 'What is in me dark illumine; What is low raise and support'.

Emmaus story is the story of our lives. 1. Risen Lord walks with us as a stranger when we are in deep pain and distress. 2. Risen Lord explains to us the meaning of our sufferings through the Word of God: the Scriptures and encourages us. 3. Risen Lord reveals Himself to us through the breaking of the bread: Eucharist.

"Emmaus Road- Journey from despair to Joy" - M. D'ambrosio

Fr Baby

**ALL PARISH LITURGIES
CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am
Tuesday 7:45am
Wednesday 7:45am
Thursday 7:45am (Ordinariate of Our Lady
of the Southern Cross)
Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We wish to welcome all those parishioners who are able to keep updated by receiving the Bulletin via the email, all those who are able to join us for the Celebration of Mass on Facebook and all those who collect a printed Bulletin from the front of the church each week or the Parish Office.

While these are difficult times, and we are unable to gather as a worshipping community, it is good to know that we can gather as a domestic church, in our homes, where we can still participate in the Liturgies, which are being live streamed in our Parish.

Send a Friend Request to our new Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish

We look forward to being able to keep in contact with as many parishioners as possible, through Facebook and the weekly Bulletin. **Mass is being Live Streamed at 9am every Sunday.**

Bulletins are available at the front of the church.

Easter Liturgies were Live Streamed and we thank all those who were able to Celebrate with the parish community at this important time. Please let others know how to do this on Facebook.

Staying Connected

Dear Fellow Parishioners,



Let's stay connected with each other and our parish. In the prayer of Jesus 'that they may all be one' Jn17:21

Consider a small challenge to seek out every day or most days someone you know to say hello, how are you and did you know we can stay connected and continue to support our Church. Perhaps pray with someone or pray for them. Let's all pray for the good of all in our world including, our Clergy, religious and our Church.

Perhaps all we can do is 'prayer and quiet service; these are our victorious weapons' (Journey with the Pope Mission, 6th April 2020). We can do so much even with social distancing and whilst we can't gather. This will end just a matter of time. We can already see some improving signs in this pandemic.

With you in prayer a fellow parishioner Robyn Rosina.

Covid-19

Due to Government regulations, all church buildings are to be closed for private prayer. **The church is not closed – as we are the church and we can still pray anywhere and any time.**

Please Note The Parish office will remain open, with new office hours being **Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00 am to 12 noon**

Parish Facebook Account Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish

Our Parish Mass is Live Streamed at 9am every Sunday

Sunday Mass on TV/Internet

TV Mass 6.00 – 6.30 am on Chanel 10 Internet access <http://bit.ly/assOnDemand>

Holy Water can be obtained by contacting Fr Tomy on 0408 632 015 or Fr Baby on 0400 568 491.

Parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley>

Care of the Elderly

A number of parishioners do not have access to a smartphone or the Internet. If you are aware of anyone in this situation, could you please keep in regular contact with them. I am sure they would appreciate it if you are able to contact them to see that they are coping, and if they are in need of any help or would like a Bulletin.

Financial Sustainability of Our Parish

Although you are not able to attend Mass during this time, it is very important that your donation to our collections continues each week for the Financial Sustainability of our Parish

This is vital for our capacity, as a parish, to continue our Mission, during these difficult and trying times. We encourage our parishioners to donate to both the first and second collection, as well as the Charitable Works Fund Appeal, due in May, by direct debit to the parish.

We thank you for your past generosity and look forward to your continued financial support of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office to update your details.

The First Collection goes entirely for the support of our priests, including those who have retired.

The second collection is for the support of our parish, which includes all pastoral activities, as well as the ongoing day-to-day running costs eg rates, insurance and electricity etc.

Please see below options available for you to continue your financial support of our Parish.

Donation/Envelopes are to be given directly into the parish office. **New planned Giving envelopes are available from the front of the church or the office**

Credit card authority – Forms are available in the foyer of the church and please contact the parish office on 4396 4455.

Direct debits can be made into the Parish Commonwealth bank account for the first and second collections.

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Thank you for having the patience to read this. We ask you to pass on this information to anyone but especially those without computers or smartphone access.

May Mary the Mother of God and St Brendan continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe and well at this time. Fr Tomy

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Maureen Daniels, Clement Apiap, Frank Feliciotto, Vi Brodie, George Garvey, Felice Grasso, Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Ellen Ashton, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King, Janet Milroy



Anniversaries

Frederick Stephens, Tony Psaila, Matthew Johnston, John Flynn, John Kennedy, Danny Kay, Bill Tyson, Ruby Prendergast, John Flanagan, Colin McIntyre, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Franceska Rose, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin Ambait, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda & Hermigilso Giba, Valmai Joseph, Dorothy Rush, Victoria Borg, Peter O'Malley, Rose and Stark Families & Holy Souls.

Remembrances

Katy Ng, Olga Creighton, Colin McIntyre, Carol Brown, Scott Kay, Lisa Marie Grenot, Hannah McCool, John Thomas Matthews, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson

Please Pray for the Sick

Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Vicky Debono, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann Durnford, Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, John Andrews, Kathleen Wiegold, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Koby Thomas, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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