



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B Cycle II

14 April 2024



Peace Be With You

Jesus appears to the disciples and his first words are, 'Peace be with you'. A phrase that is so common to our ears we fail to recognise it for what it is. The peace that comes from Christ is the kind of peace that this world cannot give. With the gift of the peace of Christ, the doubts and fears of humans are wiped away. In its place comes understanding and a desire to witness to the truths of scripture. But there is one thing that we need to receive this gift. We need to make our minds open! Are we truly ready to experience Christ's peace? Or do we still cling to our doubts and fears? How are these doubts and fears closing our minds to the gift of Jesus' peace?

God's Word Debra Snoddy

Open our Eyes

The Third Sunday of Easter focuses on the theme of recognising the risen Lord in our daily lives. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter preaches to the people about how Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead. He also reminds them that they were witnesses to these events. In the Second Reading from the First Letter of John, we learn that we are children of God and that we will be like him when we see him as he is. The Gospel reading is from Luke, where 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 this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" "They thought they were seeing a ghost, but he showed them his hands and feet. He then ate a piece of grilled fish before their eyes and opened their minds to understand the scriptures."

These readings remind us that the risen Lord is present in our lives, even when we may not recognise him. We are called to be witnesses to his resurrection and to share the Good News with others. We are also called to live as children of God, striving to be like him in all that we do. As we reflect on the readings of the Third Sunday of Easter, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to his presence in our lives and to give us the courage to be witnesses to his resurrection.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate



**Happy 66th
Birthday
Fr Brian!**

We wish Fr Brian
all God's Blessings
for his Birthday on
15 April 2024!

**Parish
Morning
Tea**



The Pelican Blue
Family Group
is hosting our
Morning Tea
this Sunday
14 April in the
Parish Centre
after 9:30am
Mass.
All Welcome!



**Thank You
Fr Hill!**

A special thank
you to Fr Hill
for your
assistance with
the Easter
Ceremonies and
our Anointing
Masses.



**Nursing Home
Mass**

Mass and
Anointing of the
Sick will be
celebrated at
Nareen Gardens
on Tuesday
at 10am.

The Healing Process

Today's Gospel opens in the Upper Room. The two disciples who met Jesus at Emmaus tell their companions – who were still in hiding – the good news of Jesus' resurrection. One of the Emmaus returnees, Cleophas, was apparently St Joseph's brother. So why, on Good Friday, was he missing from his nephew's crucifixion and his sister-in-law's side? Why did his wife stand with Mary at the foot of the cross and help with Jesus' burial and he didn't? Why did he and another disciple head off to Emmaus, leaving his wife and the other women to complete their heartbreaking anointing of Jesus' body? Was he embarrassed? Did he feel guilty? Was he too upset? But what about the care he should have shown, and apparently didn't, towards Mary, the mother of Jesus?

Most of today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' unexpected visit. The disciples had fled from Jesus in his hour of greatest need. Afraid for their own safety, they ran away. They didn't visit Jesus' tomb, but instead hid in shared grief, fear and shame. They knew their cowardice and betrayal. When the women returned from Calvary and the tomb, did they voice their opinions of the men's behaviour, or did they find them too crushed to need to say anything? When Jesus appeared in their midst, the disciples thought they saw a ghost. They deserved his anger but he didn't criticise them or make them feel any worse than they already did. He didn't condemn their weakness or highlight the women's courage. Instead, Jesus surprised them with a greeting of peace and a request for food. Their brokenness wasn't terminal. Jesus started the healing process.

Throughout Jesus' public ministry, he nurtured his disciples, giving of himself in ways beyond their understanding and expectations. His followers often muddled along, following Jesus because they recognised that, in their limitations, they needed him. Following Good Friday, the disciples felt broken, but they couldn't turn back the clock and undo the flaws they had discovered in themselves. Jesus had died and they had done nothing to protect him.

But we're like that, aren't we? It's easier to see our brokenness than our loveliness and yet, to Jesus, it's that loveliness which he sees first. He knows the cracks that we try to hide even from ourselves, knows that they can hold the clue to recovery and wholeness. New and unimagined beginnings are possible.

Someone who is unaware of their own imperfections doesn't learn from experience and can be very insensitive towards others. Their brokenness cannot be healed because they can't see the flaws – and so small cracks grow bigger. Some of the world's most beautiful people are those who have learned humility, compassion and understanding through their own difficult experiences. Their struggles have opened their eyes and hearts to the goodness in others. They have room for growth. There's room for Jesus.

The disciples were very different people after meeting the post-resurrection Jesus. He offered them the possibility of a fresh start and so they started to grow through their weaknesses. Their brokenness became something beautiful and a lasting example of healing and new beginnings. Jesus' invitation to his disciples is offered to us. Let's celebrate our own brokenness and the loveliness which Jesus can repair and make even more beautiful.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish this school holidays. It is good to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul, Rosan our Seminarian, or Colleen Smith our Pastoral Associate, who are all very happy to meet you. For other enquiries the office is open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 5pm 4332 2216.

Congratulations on 20 Year Anniversary!

Congratulations to Deacon Paul Simmons on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate, 16 April 2024. Deacon Paul was a long time parishioner of Wyong after having grown up in the parish of Balmain (go the Tigers!).

After Ordination he was appointed to Wyoming Parish then to Kincumber, followed by Toukley Parish and finally to be with us at The Entrance, since 2020, working with Fr Bill and now Fr Brian.



First Eucharist Programme

The First Eucharist Programme has begun with the Parent Information and Enrolment Evening. If you missed this evening you will need an appointment with Colleen on 4332 2216 or colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au The following are key dates for the Programme:

Lessons Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm from 30 April to 21 May or Thursdays 4-5pm from 2 May to 23 May

The Sacrament of First Eucharist Saturday 1 June 5pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 2 June 9:30am Mass.

KidsClub - Save the Date!

KidsClub will return on Saturday 4 May with the theme of Easter. KidsClub is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks provided. Siblings also welcome. Parents may stay or drop off and pick up. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay with child. We meet at 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. You are most welcome to join us at 5pm Mass afterwards. No RSVP required - just turn up! Enquiries to 4332 2216.

Please Note

Central Coast Atrium

The new Atrium is running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year olds. The aim is to help children nurture a personal relationship with God. Saturdays 9-10:30am, in the Atrium (behind the CCD Office). Contact centralcoastatrium@gmail.com or Ashleigh on 0466 255 033.

Project Compassion Thanks

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion. Your generosity empowers the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Any further donations can be made at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Welcome

to the Herbert, Underwood and Oliver Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congratulations!
on 30 Years!

Congratulations Sundai Sloane

on 30 Years of Service in the Parish Office, working with Fr Bob, Fr Bill and now Fr Brian, 16 April 2024!



MEN'S GROUP

Join us for lunch and a yarn. Wednesday 17 April 12 noon at Diggers Club. Wives and friends welcome! Enquiries: Lui 4388 9510.



Thank You!

These donations support the Priests of our diocese - retired and active. Envelopes are on the information tables. Thank You!

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

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Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: John Guider, Aristhea Whelpdale, Margaret Gold, Ken Smith, Donna McLauchlan, John Swaysland, Giuseppa Bosco, Robert Bower, John Russell, Bernadette Sweeney.

Funerals: The funerals of John Guider and Aristhea Whelpdle were held during the week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Anniversaries: Sylvia Coleman, George Caruana, Jim Parker, Guiseppe Calvi.

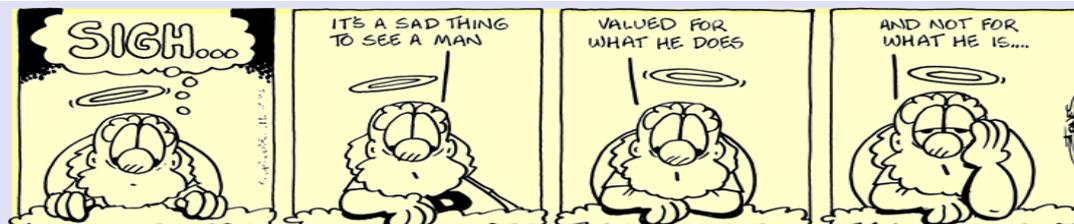
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Clarke.

Sick: Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Marli & Jarvis O'Connell, Darcy & Matilda Collits, Bodhi & Jayla Duncan, Willow Bondfield.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216