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**Third Sunday
of Easter
15th April 2018
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48**

**“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen;
not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. ~C.S. Lewis**

Fr. Mark Link S.J. once told an incident that happened during the great depression (1929-1939). Jobs were scarce and when an opening was announced, dozens of applicants appeared. On this particular occasion, they crowded into a waiting room, eager to be interviewed for the position of telegraph operator. But the noise of their conversation competed against a steady background of dots and dashes. Suddenly, the door opened and yet another applicant entered the room. After standing there quietly for a moment listening attentively to the dots and dashes, he walked to a door marked “Private” and knocked. The personnel director opened the door and announced to the others, “You may all go now; this applicant has the job.” Furious and frustrated, the others demanded an explanation. At that, the director said, “Listen!” When the room became quiet, all heard the dots and dashes, repeating over and over the same message, “If you hear this, come in; the job is yours.” This story reminds us that God is constantly speaking to us, but, like the crowd of applicants, we are so engrossed with the noise of “our world” that we miss experiencing miracles, and new ways for a better life. In the Sunday’s gospel, Jesus invites the disciples ‘to see’, ‘to touch’, ‘to hear’ and ‘to taste’. Jesus makes himself present to us through senses meaning, he is present in our day-to-day lives. We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances and events.



- ◇ The Risen Lord blessing us with success and achievements: Let us acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected victories, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships.
- ◇ The Risen Lord as present in our pains and suffering: Acts 9: 1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain and suffering, and problems in relationships.
- ◇ The Risen Lord visiting us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs. He is right there in our parties, celebrations and occasions of rejoicing.
- ◇ The Risen Lord as present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share his life with us; he is present in the words of the Holy Scripture; he is there in the sacraments and he is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Matthew 18: 20)

(Source: Fr. Anthony Kadavil’s reflections)

It needs a minute or two of our busy life to become aware of such happenings often taken for granted. When we become accustomed to things being done one way only, we rule out the different. We apply the same logic even in our relationship with God. We want our prayers to be answered in the way we expect. We try to accommodate His message to fit our own dreams and desires. We try even to restrict the presence of the Absolute to a particular religion or practice. But God comes to us quite in extraordinary ways and even under questionable circumstances. God wants to open our minds to see new possibilities in our lives and for our lives. Where are we still resisting? Why are we resisting? Or what are we afraid of?



God’s blessings, Fr. Vince



The Kenthurst Country Fair
Sunday 6th May, 2018
We really need your help!

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Kim Parslow 0418 220 963; kim.parslow@tpg.com.au
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We will have a Mass to celebrate ANZAC Day on Wednesday, 25th April, at 9:15am. You welcome to write down the names of the fallen in our Remembrance Book in the foyer.

FATHER MICHAEL FALLON

Sister Margaret Jones who runs Marymount Mercy Centre, David Road, Castle Hill, has invited parishioners to attend a set of talks by Fr M. Fallon, a renowned scripture scholar. Those who attended his course last year were very impressed and gained a lot of insight. This year he will speak on the Psalms.

The dates are from Monday 21st May to the 25th. Time is 9:30am to 12:30pm with a break for morning tea. It may not be possible to attend each session but I know if you only come to one, you will get a lot out of it, so I encourage you to come.

Please ring me on 96596331 or email anna.conway@mercy.org.au to register.

Sister Anna

There will be no 9:15 Mass on Friday, 20th April.

A Communion Service will be held instead.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **5th May** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the resource room behind the chapel.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Our community shares in your joy and prays for you as you continue your journey of faith.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begin with an Information Session on 22nd May. This is offered to children in Year 3 and older. You will be required to present the child's baptismal certificate. Watch this space and check the parish website (www.stmadeleine.org.au) for more details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1606.20
 2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1461
 Loose = \$ 1078.80
 Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
 TOTAL = \$ 4646.80 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.
 Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Garry Perrin, Jennifer Johnson, Guilio Baldacchio, and Laurence Solvyns

For the dearly departed

Giovanni Battista, Giovanna Maria Luca, Vince Finocchiaro, Martin Mileto, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Paul Cascun, Paul Spina, Mary Spina, Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joe Culligan, the deceased of the Mulvihill & Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Evelyn Swinnerton, Pietro Ceccato, Ted Manning, and deceased of the Ferraro family

For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.



ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

is now accepting enrolments for Kindy 2019.
Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office or on the website
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MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Applications for year 7, 2019 close on Friday, 4th May 2018.
Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer at
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

***If you need Fr Vincent to fill in the Parish form, please ring the office (96542260) to organise a time to meet with Father on either the 17th (Tuesday) or 19th (Thursday) of April.**

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup – Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

THE HOLY LAND

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OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS:

> CATECHISTS for 30-minute sessions on Thursdays or Fridays at Glenhaven PS, Annangrove PS, Kenthurst PS, and Dural PS. Training and materials to be provided. Contact Maureen Jones—0419512252

> SENIOR SERVERS to become part of the roster to assist Father at different Masses. Contact Fr Vince if you're interested.

> FRIENDLY FACES to join us at our Masses at our neighbouring nursing homes on: 2nd May, Wed, 10:15 at Arcare, Glenhaven; 3rd May, Thurs, 10:15 at BUPA Dural

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

POSITIONS VACANT

Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta
More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
More details at: www.ccss.org.au

Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes
More details at: www.olqp.org.au

NSW PASTORAL CONFERENCE: 1 MAY

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018 or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

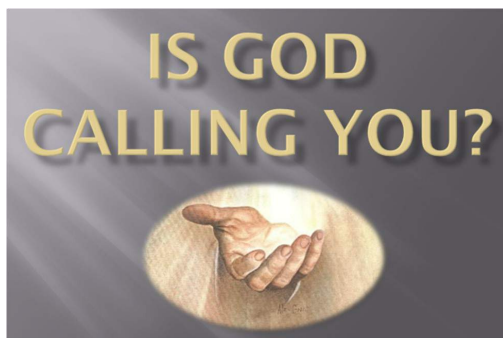
ANNUAL REUNION OF THE FAIRFIELD PATRICIAN BROTHERS OLD BOYS UNION

Date: Friday 1st June, 2018
Venue: Cabra-Vale Diggers Club
RSVP: 25th May, 2018

Special Guests include:

Bros. Bernard, Aengus, Mark, Charles & Dominic
Special invitation is extended to the class of '68 who are celebrating their 50th year of leaving school
We would also like to congratulate the Patrician Brothers on their 65th Anniversary in Fairfield
For further information contact:

Kevin McFarlane: M: 0418 297 704, W: 9725 7677
Raj Kumar: M: 0416 207 559
Frank Vella: M: 0438 095 256, H: 9636 3259



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo
Music Coordinators:
CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:
Peter Balnaves

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THIS WEEKEND

	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	John & Amira Campo	Margaret & Michael Foley
ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Amira Campo	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Sandra Tabone	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Jack & Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
MUSICIANS	Bev	Joan & David	Merle	Youth Group
COUNTERS	(17 April) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan

21/22 APRIL

WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Helen Ross
ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
READERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Justin Sebire	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
JUN MINISTERS		Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
MUSICIANS	Lisa & Craig	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
COUNTERS	(24 April) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper