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23rd April 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

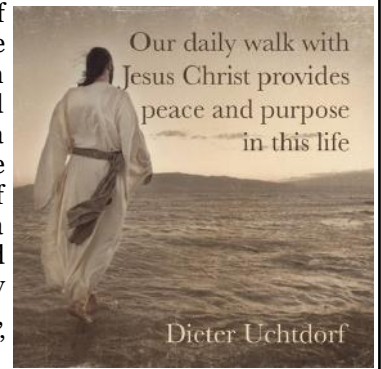
1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

“Be the one who walks with the Lord”

We often describe our life as a journey. The Benedictine tradition speaks of a shared journey on the road. We speak of Christ on that journey with us, bringing us all together to everlasting life. Today’s gospel is about the appearance of Jesus with the two disciples who were making their way to Emmaus after the horrible death of Jesus. They were totally downcast filled with fear, confusion, dread and worry. Jesus joins them as a stranger and engages them in a conversation, explaining the Scriptures and the prophecies about the Messiah. He makes them understand that those promises are to be fulfilled. Finally, He reveals Himself at the dinner table.

A walk and a meal could transform one’s life, and that is what happened in the encounter of Jesus with the two of his earliest followers. Their hospitality led to a theophany. The normality of eating gave the disciples overwhelming joy and the experience of the risen Jesus. Now, the disbelief, fear, frightand every negative feeling is gone in the hearts and minds of the disciples. Commenting on Jesus revealing himself at the dinner table, Jessica Brodie says that there is something relaxing about the fellowship of the table. There, “people are calm, unhurried, there to fill their bellies and rest after a hard day. It is a place of intimacy and friendship, a place where relationships are strengthened. Perhaps this is a metaphor for the church and the sort of evangelism Jesus knew would spread best – rooted in relationships, person to person. Second, the table is a “regular” place, a fixture of daily life. Perhaps this represents the way Jesus wants people to know Him: on a basic, core, everyday level, practical and authentic, not fancy, or fussy or only for a certain class or rank.” The two disciples, now energized, embark on a journey of sharing the experience with the rest of their company. This is what happens, when we allow Jesus to walk with us and break the bread in the Mass. Our Emmaus flows into our daily life.

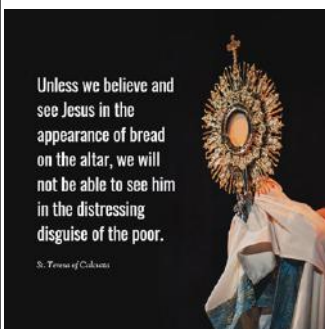


“In our lives the common cup of coffee or tea can often be a time to think, to assess, to regroup, to regain control, to re-establish a relationship, to deepen a friendship, to listen, or to offer advice. It can be the space in which we begin to process very good or very bad news, attend to hurt feelings, overcome feelings of revenge or anger, and quietly celebrate an achievement. It can also be a moment of reflection or prayer. Tea and coffee are often more than just caffeine shots.”

God is not static and no one can put Him in a box. God is very much alive and on the move, doing new things and sharing new insights with other pilgrims on the journey.

Emmaus is everywhere. Wherever we are on the road and at every meal time, Jesus comes to us, and we are filled with energy and new possibilities, and the joy of the resurrection. We can have a new life, and we can be born again and again right now at any venue. Let us keep moving and chart new adventures, because Jesus walks beside us on the road of life journey.

“If a man runs with man it is called “Race” but if a man runs towards God it is called “Grace”



A teacher was once speaking to her students about the Eucharist. She asked the students which was, in their opinion, the most important part of the Mass. Without batting an eyelid, one student replied, “The Dismissal- Go, the Mass is ended!” Initially the teacher thought the student was joking, but he was absolutely serious and meant just what he said. So, the teacher asked him to explain, and this is his answer: “The whole purpose of the Mass is to nourish us spiritually -first, with God’s Word in the Liturgy of the Word, and second, with God’s Life in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, culminating in the Holy Communion. And God nourishes us so that we can go forth and bear witness to Him by our lives, our words and our actions.” The teacher was impressed and urged the student to continue. And so, he added, “The Eucharist does not end with the Dismissal Rite. On the contrary, it begins there. Like the two disciples at Emmaus, we must go forth and tell others what the Lord Jesus means to us.” (James Valladares)

God’s blessings,
Fr. Vince

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561
Baptism Preparation	First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au)



CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for our children and their families

Practice Session: Sunday, 30 April
3pm for Wednesday, 3 May &
4pm for Friday, 5 May Confirmation

Confirmation will take place at 7pm on
Wednesday, 3 May and
Friday, 5 May

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment forms will be available in May 2023.
Timeline found on our website stmadeleine.org.au

For any queries stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre.

The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
- Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact

Suzanne - Parish Safeguarding Champion
m. 0410 936 108

For information on how to register for the venue of your choice



Please ensure your details are kept up to date PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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Account Number : 00000388

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,180.80
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$828 Loose = \$1,139.50

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

We are saddened to hear the news that Auntie Marg Farrell one of the strong aunties at Baabayn passed away last Sunday. The family have given permission for us to use her name and remember the work she has done for healing in Western Sydney, the funeral is this Thursday at Pine Grove. Reconciliation Week is coming up May 26th to June 3rd, the theme is Be a Voice for Generations. Before Reconciliation Week is Laudato Si' week I will be helping run a four day convocation I am a Tree of Life www.jisa.org.au/im23_May_21-24 A convocation of people with spiritual exercises, forest contemplations and conversations, using the life of a tree as a metaphor for an organic spirituality.

Synodal Journey @ St Mad's

Northern Deanery Listening Consultation forum with Bishop Vincent May 13th from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm; St. John 23rd School Hub Stanhope Gardens

www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Raymund Conliffe, Melba Cardozo, Letizia Dominello, Steve Nash, Beryl Forster, Paul Spina, Paul Cascun, Martin Mileto, Yvonne Muter, Barbara Sweeney, Michele Vaccarella, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham family, Abbey Mousa, Joe Fuda, Maria Rose Napoli, Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli, Anne & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Immacolata Agostino, Ariella Napoli, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frenedo, Geoff Burcham

Please pray for the sick: Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Rowena Justiniani, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding Champion: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
at 11:20am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You,

Holy Spirit,

as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it.

We are God's beloved children:

may our journey together

be marked by humble listening,

courageous speech, and lively hope.

Let us find in You our unity

as we seek to do what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and

time,

*in the communion of the Father and
the Son, forever and ever.*

AMEN

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CCD ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL SERIES: STARTING 28 APRIL

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis ccd.training@parracatholic.org

MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: STARTING 2 MAY

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

REACH—WELLBEING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS—2 MAY

Reach Recovery Program, designed by the Black Dog Institute. Tuesday from 10am to 12pm, 2nd May for 9 weeks at Bank Bazaar and Bank Bar & Cafe, 290/294 Windsor Street, Richmond NSW 2753 – Morning Tea provided—Presenter Virginia Field. RSVP: (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: please

provide current contact details by completing a form found online (use the QR Code).

Copies also available in the Church. Please also complete form if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, or with providing flowers.



2023 MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE 3-5 MAY 2023

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. For more information, visit www.2023.mohmv.com.au.

St Mark

Feast Day: 25 April



Most of what we know about Mark

comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother. Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long. The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah. A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Start Date: Thursday, 27 April
and each Thursday during school term

At: 9.30am
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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Nigel Saunders	Sandra Bonello Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	

29 & 30 April		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maureen & Rick Jones	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	