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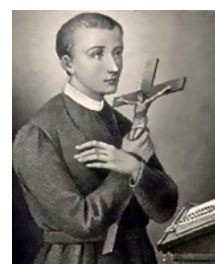
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## Third Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year B) April 14, 2024

**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.

### First Reading - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your face shine on us.

### Second Reading - 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

### Gospel Reading - Luke 24:35-48

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 all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**Stewardship Collection:** Covering church and parish expenses.

**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.

**Presbytery Collection:** For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

This year marks the 50th Anniversary since Resurrection Parish Keysborough became a Parish of Worship and Service. For the past ten years Resurrection Parish have been working in partnership with St Anthony's Parish Noble Park. We are hosting a Lecture Series in honour of our Anniversaries. We are also honouring the Anniversary of the Vatican II Councils 60th Anniversary.

Our first lecture and retreat is next weekend, Saturday 20/04/24 at Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Rd, Keysborough in the Little Chapel - beginning 11am-12.30pm - Prayer Retreat of the Spirit of Vatican II. BYO Lunch 12.30pm - 1.15pm - from 1.15pm - 3pm - Vatican II Lecture of the HOW and WHY of Vatican II. Father Max Vodola, historian and Parish Priest of Fitzroy, is very well versed in this wonderful topic which brought so much change to our Church. All are welcome - limited numbers - Please phone your booking by this Thursday (18/04/24) - 9701 5899 (Resurrection) or 7064 3999 (St Anthony's) or email: [keysborough@resurrectionparish.org.au](mailto:keysborough@resurrectionparish.org.au).

You are invited to join Resurrection Parish in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, with Mass to be celebrated on 13th and 14th April. There will be a celebratory Dinner Dance with a live band "After Dark" on 10th May at 7pm. This dinner dance will be held at VTCC Palmyra Hall, 44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong. Contact Hedy Carvalho for more information and to book on 0419 534 862.

As the month of May approaches, we invite your parish to join us in online prayer to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. **Catholic Mission** will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (Monday to Friday) in May, and we invite our friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in. During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. Held Monday to Friday from 2pm. Link to join: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID 893 8798 2280 Password 876574

**God and Beer April - Divine and Human Fatherhood.** With speaker Brendan Triffet on Monday 15th April at 6.30pm - dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Cost: Free (donations gratefully accepted). At: Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. To register visit: [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au). Topics include: What does it mean to be a good father? What is God's plan for fathers and children? What does it mean to be a child of God?

### Easter Prayer Spaces

We are delighted to invite parishioners to the upcoming Easter Prayer Spaces event hosted by the Year 5/6 students of St. Gerard's Primary School, building on the success of our recent Prayer Spaces for the Passion. This event promises an immersive experience featuring activities centred around Easter, offering a valuable opportunity for reflection and spiritual connection. Event Details: Date: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024. Time: 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Venue: St Gerard's Upstairs. We warmly encourage you and your families to join us for this enriching experience.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 - 11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Visit: [Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate](https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate). Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357. (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

### Understanding the Scriptures: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, 13th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Vigil 5:30pm Murieal De Silva (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving for Kaashvi

12:00pm Congratulations to the following children and their family on this, their day of baptism :

*Arjun Ryan, Joy Maliko and Ma'Aofoia Maliko*

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Monday, 15th April

Mass 9:15am Maria Pane & Luigina Adamo  
(*Death Remembrance* ✚)

and For the healing of Selina Tour

### Tuesday, 16th April

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Emmanuel Santaera  
(*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Ninette Loos (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

### Wednesday, 17th April

Mass 9:15am Aubrey Vanderputt (*Remembrance* ✚)

### Thursday, 18th April

Mass 9:15am Elizabeth Gabriel (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

### Friday, 19th April

Mass 9:15am Eamon Flynn (*60th Death Anniversary* ✚)

### Saturday, 20th April

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for blessings from the D'Silva Family

### Saturday Vigil, 20th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vigil 5:30pm Giovanni Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Roger & Anne-Marie Dalta (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am George De Donker (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Carmel Feola, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Krzysztof Borkowski, Elajah Isah Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne

### **The recently deceased:**

Baptist Abeyadeera, Maureen Norico, Lesley Hosking, Berty Maclou, Jacques Maclou, Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Angela Chmielewski, William Fernando, Pamela Fernando, Rudy Pereira, Marie de Chalain

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Maria Pane, Luigina Adamo, Elizabeth Gabriel, Giovanna McKercher, Myrline Hennequin, Filomena Giuliani

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, April 20**

S. Jose, Linda & Family

**Saturday, April 27**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, April 20**

5:30pm D. Franklin

**Sunday, April 21**

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

**Saturday, April 27**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, April 28**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

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

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 15th to Saturday, April 20th, 2024

### Monday of the Third Week of Easter - 15th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter - 16th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of His Christ, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Into Your hands, O Lord, I entrust My spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to Me will never be hungry. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

### Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter - 17th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to You, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** All who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord has risen and shone His light upon us, whom He has redeemed by His Blood, alleluia.

### Thursday of the Third Week of Easter - 18th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us sing to the Lord, for He has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

### Friday of the Third Week of Easter - 19th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** All who eat My flesh and drink My blood live in Me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

### Saturday of the Third Week of Easter - 20th April

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** What return can I make to the Lord for all that He gives to me?

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in Us, so that the world may believe it was You who sent Me, says the Lord, alleluia.