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Italian Mass: 10.30am

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Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
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Spread the Word

Vol. 35 No. 16**3rd Sunday of Easter****26 April 2020****Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In today's first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus is Lord and messiah. The speech follows the pattern of early missionary preaching: an announcement of the arrival of the age of fulfillment; a summary of the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus; recourse to the Old Testament, showing how Jesus fulfilled what it promised; and a call to repentance. During his ministry, Jesus himself appealed to the Jewish belief that the eschatological age of fulfillment would be inaugurated by miracles. Peter asserts that Jesus performed such works. Though he argues that both the Jewish and the Roman officials were responsible for Jesus' death, Peter insists that everything happened according to the plan and with the foreknowledge of God.



This psalm of confidence opens with a declaration of trust that God will protect the psalmist from danger and ultimately from death. The psalm speaks of a covenant relationship with God and the confidence that redounds from it. Two images characterise this relationship: land and cup. In the first, the blessings and promises customarily associated with land are now associated with the Lord. The second refers to the cup that is passed around from which all drink. This unifying cup is really the Lord. The psalmist's entire being is filled with confidence and gladness in the rescue that God has granted. Such confidence in God may appear to be foolhardy to some, but the psalmist's trust is unshakeable.

The author of 1 Peter looks carefully at the cost of redemption and the responsibilities that accompany it. He reminds his audience that God their 'father' will judge the members of his household according to the merit of their works. This points to the obligation that they have to live the new life in Christ with integrity. They have been ransomed from a futile way of living. The price of this ransom was neither gold nor silver, but the blood of Christ. The death of Christ was not merely a remedy for the state of human sinfulness. Though it was in God's plan from before the foundation of the world, it will be revealed fully in the final age. Thus Christians are exhorted to live with hope.

The report of the encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus may be one of the best known resurrection stories. The disciples were probably returning from the celebration of Passover. At first they do not recognise Jesus. However, they are not reluctant to describe the events of the past few days, and to admit that they had considered Jesus the fulfillment of their messianic expectations. As Jesus shows how the Scriptures really pointed to him, their hearts burn within them. Their religious tradition was being interpreted for them in a new and exciting way. Finally, it is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened, and they recognise Jesus. The revelatory unfolding is now complete.

Mass from Our Lady of Graces Parish via Live Stream

Mass is live streamed from Our Lady of Graces Parish every day at 7am. To view, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and find the Facebook news feed on the home page. You do not need Facebook to view the Mass.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Patricia Varney, Mark Blake and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Rita Marshall, Frances Long, Leone Taylor Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby and the recently deceased Joseph Kingsley Perera, Ruth Harvey.

Church Roof Update – Week 1

The first stage of work on the roof commenced this week. Following an initial inspection and work, asbestos has been found in parts of the areas that are being worked on. Therefore, removal of this asbestos should commence on Monday. If you are visiting the parish office, please adhere to any signage and fencing in place.



Inspecting the Church Roof on Monday 20 April

Donating to SVdP Carina Conference

If you would like to donate to St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces donations can be made to the following bank account.

- BSB: 064 162
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- Reference: Agent Number 2303

The reference of 2303 is important, as this ensures funds are allocated to the St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces, Carina Conference. All funds donated are tax deductible and receipts can be provided. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Barbara Dougherty, SVdP Carina Conference

Giving – Dominican Fathers & Parish

Below are ways you can continue to contribute to the Dominican Fathers and Our Lady of Graces Parish.

- Give via Direct Debit. The form for direct debit giving is available at the parish office and on our website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au under -> Our Parish -> Planned Giving. The signed form can be returned via email or hard copy to the parish office.
- Collect your weekly giving and provide it in a lump sum once everything returns to normal.
- Drop off your giving during parish office hours.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Dominican Fathers are happy to hear the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. The Sacrament is being held under the big tree outside the church or in the parish library. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977.



Our parish website as a page called 'Stay Connection' www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html

Each week, this page is updated with resources to help all parishioners nurture their faith. This includes the Sunday Readings, Family Prayer Resources and Activity Sheets. You can also access Spread the Word, The Catholic Leader and other resources from the Archdiocese. Please check it out.

COVID-19 Outreach Initiative to Parishioners

We continue to contact more parishioners through this outreach initiative. If you know of someone who would like a phone call, let Shelly or Chris know at the parish office and we will add the person to the list.



Are you Receiving Spread the Word via Email?

Each week our distribution list of email addresses to receive Spread the Word via email increases.

Do we have your email address?

It is not too late to have your email address added or updated. Email us at carina@bne.catholic.net.au to be included.

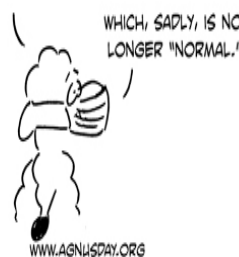
Small Blessings

The Archdiocese of Brisbane have developed a campaign called 'Small Blessings'. Parishioners are welcome to go to the website to share their small blessings. *Small Blessings make a big difference.* Visit www.smallblessings.com.au

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT KNOWING IT'S HIM?

THEY WERE EXPRESSING NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 2:14, 22-33

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 witnesses 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.'

Response - Psalm 16 (15):1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

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

1. 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.)*
2. 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.)
3. 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.)*
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21

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.

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

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 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.



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