

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 could not believe it, and they stood 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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3rd SUNDAY EASTER – YEAR B

14th / 15th April, 2018

*Heavenly Father,
Your perfect love
drives away all fear.
Continue to assure us
of Your love and protection,
and Your desire to guide us
to fullness of life with You.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

In the Gospel of Luke all the events of Easter run into one another. Beginning with the discovery of the empty tomb, the resurrection narrative follows the disciples as they move away from what had happened in Jerusalem towards Emmaus, but they encounter the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In witnessing to this, Christ is present among them again until he finally returns to the Father. Jesus goes to great lengths to reassure them that he is the same Jesus who was with them during his ministry. Something in his nature has changed but he is still 'flesh and bone'. There is continuity with the Jesus they knew but now also something 'other-worldly' which they cannot quite comprehend. Jesus is the same but somehow transformed. Jesus' journey is about to be completed with his return to the Father, but their journey is only just beginning. Now the disciples must journey from Jerusalem to all the nations, witnessing to what they have seen and heard, preaching the good news of repentance and the forgiveness of sin.

Can you identify with the notion of just setting out on a journey of witnessing to the good news? Where might your journey lead you?

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 7.00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
 Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

3rd Sunday Easter – Year B

14th / 15th April, 2018

YEAR OF YOUTH**PRAYING FOR...****All who have died recently:**

Christopher Betka , Vina King (England)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sinforoso Oracion, Catherine Lizza, Matteo Parente Lino Bimbi, George Crocker, Giuseppe Lotrionte, James Starrs Brian Russell, Peter Ward, Pat Bathgate.

The sick: Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Angela Sawyer, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Catherine Turner, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Sasty Sastradipradja, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: **Sat, 7th May, 2018 at 10.30 am**
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
 Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while..

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP. We meet every **Tuesday at 10.15 am** in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP We are having a break over the School Holiday period, and will resume to pray together from **Tuesday 17th April at 9 .00am to 10.00 am each Tuesday during school term** in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

Next Sunday is WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS.

In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us:

'God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.'

Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

NEW LECTORS' ROSTER - The new roster starting **April to June 2018** is available in the church foyer for your collection. Thank you for your dedication to this Church Ministry.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ROSTER - for the period **21st April to 14th October 2018** has been sent to all with email addresses. Copies are available in the church foyer for those without email addresses. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry.

ANZAC DAY DAWN WALK & WATCH

Wednesday, 25th April in 'Quarry Park', Quarry Rd, F.T.G. An opportunity to remember Australians who served and died for our country, and to honour their spirit of courage, mateship and sacrifice. **Assemble at 5.30am** in the Church car park, for the silent walk to the park, where the **Dawn Service commences at 6am**. Bring torches and, if you wish something to sit on. Coffee and tea will be served back in the Parish Hall, following the service. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Inquiries to Margot Anne Boyd (9758 8278) or contact the Parish Office.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES'

RAFFLE – 2018 There are a number of wonderful prizes on offer, and the only way to be in the running to drive away in one of the amazing cars is to purchase a ticket.

Don't leave your run too late!!

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses each weekend, until Sunday 6th May.

Jenny Keating & Patrick Sawyer

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am**. Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May Phone 9287 5587 or Email: lmf@cam.org.au, if you would like to attend.

ST PETER JULIAN PARISH MOOROOLBARK CELEBRATES 50 YEARS on Sunday 22nd April 2018, 10.30am all parishioners and friends, old and new, are invited to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church. The Mass will be followed at 12.30pm by a free lunch (meats, bread rolls, refreshments provided; BYO salad and sweets if preferred).for further details contact: St Peter Julian Parish located at 234 Hull Road, Mooroolbark on Ph: 9723 4275.

OZANAM CONVERSATION Bishop Vincent Long, in conversation with Geraldine Doogue will discuss 'What it means to be a Catholic organisation in a post Royal Commission world'.

When: Thursday 26th April 2018

Time: 6.30pm

Where: The Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade East Melbourne.

This event is **FREE**, with drinks and canapés served from 6.00pm. Bookings essential. **Please RSVP by 20th April** via Email: rsvp@svidp-vic.org.au or Phone: 9895 5935.

TOUCHING THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT

A journey of inner healing retreat presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. BYO lunch and bible; morning and afternoon tea will be provided. **Saturday 5th May and Sunday 6th May 2018** from 9.00am–5.00pm St Clare's Hall, access from Killara Street, Box Hill North

Cost: \$50 donation, students \$30

Bookings: by Monday 30 April at <https://www.trybooking.com/TEBY> (use promo code CSOE for 10% discount) or contact Rose on 0411 650 339./ melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE

for more information visit www.cam.org.au/jobs

ROSTERS: Mon 16th to Sun 22nd April

Flowers	Sue Nicholls & Lynne Keiley
Altar Servers	6pm Nicholas D.
Linen	Anne Jackson
Welcomers	6pm Louise Di Bartolomeo & Peter Greening 9am: Sue & David Woodward & Thelma Bravington.. 11am: Kathryn & Andrew Wallace & Maria Looten
Lectors	6pm Louise 9am Peter Finn 11am Carolyn Sombekke
Counters	Steph & Byron
Gardening	April: Patrick S & Harry R.