

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

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

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

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 See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

AN OCCASION OF GREAT JOY!

Last Sunday was an occasion of great joy! It was a much bigger than expected congregation of more than 300 people for our first Mass, with great music, many volunteer helpers and ministers, and a real buzz of faithful hope and excitement. And, of course, it was a wonderful sign of support for our community from Bishop Vincent. It was a day that will remain in my memory forever.

And now we come to establishing the normal rhythm of our faith community's life; of continuing to build a vibrant, faith-filled, caring community of engaged disciples of Jesus Christ; of being nourished together by Word and Sacrament, and in growing together in our faith and making a difference in our world. There is so much to do. And we really need your support to make it happen. We make no apologies for continuing to push this point. We want you all to play a role in our community - to use your time, talents and treasure to make this vision come true. Soon we will be holding a 'Triple T' information and discussion session where we will be speaking about the variety of areas where this community needs ministers and leaders to share their 'Time, Talents and Treasure'.

I have an initial three-year appointment for my role as Pastoral Director for St Luke's. Beyond three years I don't know what will happen. However, no matter how long my time here is, I will judge my own efforts on how well I have been able to engage people to take ownership of the community.

In the past I have been in leadership roles in the corporate world with responsibility for up to several hundred staff. Those organisations worked well only because we had willing people at the front line, and in other leadership roles, who made things happen. I think this is one area where the Church has much to learn from the corporate world. The days of lone-ranger clergy should be long gone. We need to find ways to delegate responsibility in many areas of the way the local church functions in order to not only empower people but to be more effective as a Church and to let people truly live out their baptismal calling of modelling Jesus as priest, prophet and king.

That's my vision. I hope you can see yourself as a part of this vision and can work with me to make it happen - and to make the vision even better. Please pray about this and also continue to pray, as a family, the St Luke's community prayer on this page.

Easter blessings to you.

Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director



Welcome Fr Jeevan

This week we welcome Fr Jeevan as our celebrant for Mass. Fr Jeevan is a Jesuit from Sri Lanka who is currently undertaking a Master's Degree in social work at Western Sydney University:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

First of all my greetings of joy, peace and hope of Our Lord. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter which we continue to celebrate. St. Francis of Assisi seemed to have said that Christians are always Easter people who constantly have to sing alleluia. I wish that we remain closely connected with our risen Lord of life so that we not only experience in our daily lives but strive to bring that to others by sharing and caring.

Allow me to share something about me. My name is Fr. Jeevaraj Thangarasa. I was ordained a priest on 16th September 2009. I belong to an order called Jesuits and I belong to the Sri Lankan Province. I always prefer to be called Jeevan. If you find it difficult to pronounce my name you can call me Stephen. Sometimes, Stephen is better because often I come across people who martyr my real name. If you want to identify me with the martyr please do so.

I am from Sri Lanka and I did most of my priestly training in my country such as Jesuit religious and spiritual formation as well as philosophical training. I spent four years in the Philippines for my Theological training. At present I am doing my MA studies in Social Work Qualifying (SWQ) at Western Sydney University, Parramatta. I am in my second year of studies and it will finish at the end of this year. After my studies I will return to Sri Lanka to continue the pastoral and spiritual ministry.

I take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to come and celebrate Mass with you. Alleluia! The Lord is risen, let us rejoice and be glad. Let us be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and be guided by the Spirit to experience and to live in the real presence of our Saviour.

Sick and the Departed

If you would like the community of St Luke's to pray for your loved ones who are sick or who have recently passed away (or who have anniversaries of their death coming up) please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.

Photos and Write Up of First Mass

<https://catholicoutlook.org/marsden-park-at-capacity-for-first-mass/>

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



Discussion on Asylum Seekers and Refugees: 16 April

The Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair invites you to a Table Talk: WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION. Monday 16 April from 7.30pm-9pm at Holy Spirit Church (5 Todd Row, St Clair). RSVP to Jacinta before Tuesday 10 April via admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 02 9670 8222.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 27-29 April

A marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your Marriage! 27–29 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or with Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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 email Tanya tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

Get Fired Up: 12 May

One day retreat with Fr Isuru Dinesh Weliwatte MGL, assistant parish priest of St Declan's Parish, Penshurst. Fr Isuru is blessed with the gift of Prophecy and Prayer Ministry. 9.00am - 5.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Waltz St, Rockdale. BYO lunch; coffee, tea and biscuits provided. jlowcommunity@gmail.com

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 Coordinator

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 6 May

Discernment program for those interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens. Learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. Meetings run from 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769



Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about *Catholic Outlook*. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

For more events please go to:

<http://parracatholic.org/events/>

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub
St Luke's College
Enter via Frontier Ave
Marsden Park

PLEASE SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

Our community offers many gifts and these include some key ways you can help St Luke's to grow at this time.

Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the following areas of ministry:

- Provider of after-Mass food
- Welcomer/warden
- Acolyte or Senior Server
- Reader
- Altar Server
- Children's liturgy 'teacher'
- Musician/singer
- Flower arranger

If you are unsure what you can offer or would like someone to contact you about your ideas or what opportunities exist, please contact us.

SACRAMENTAL ENQUIRIES?

For Baptisms, Weddings, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and First Holy Communion etc, please contact us.

Contact information is on back page.

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES

St Luke's College
02 9854 3100
www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au

Jesus rose from the dead

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he was not a ghost, but truly alive! How did Jesus help the disciples believe that he had risen from the dead? Write or draw your answer.



Jesus asked that the Good News be spread from Jerusalem to every nation. Unscramble the following words about the Good News.

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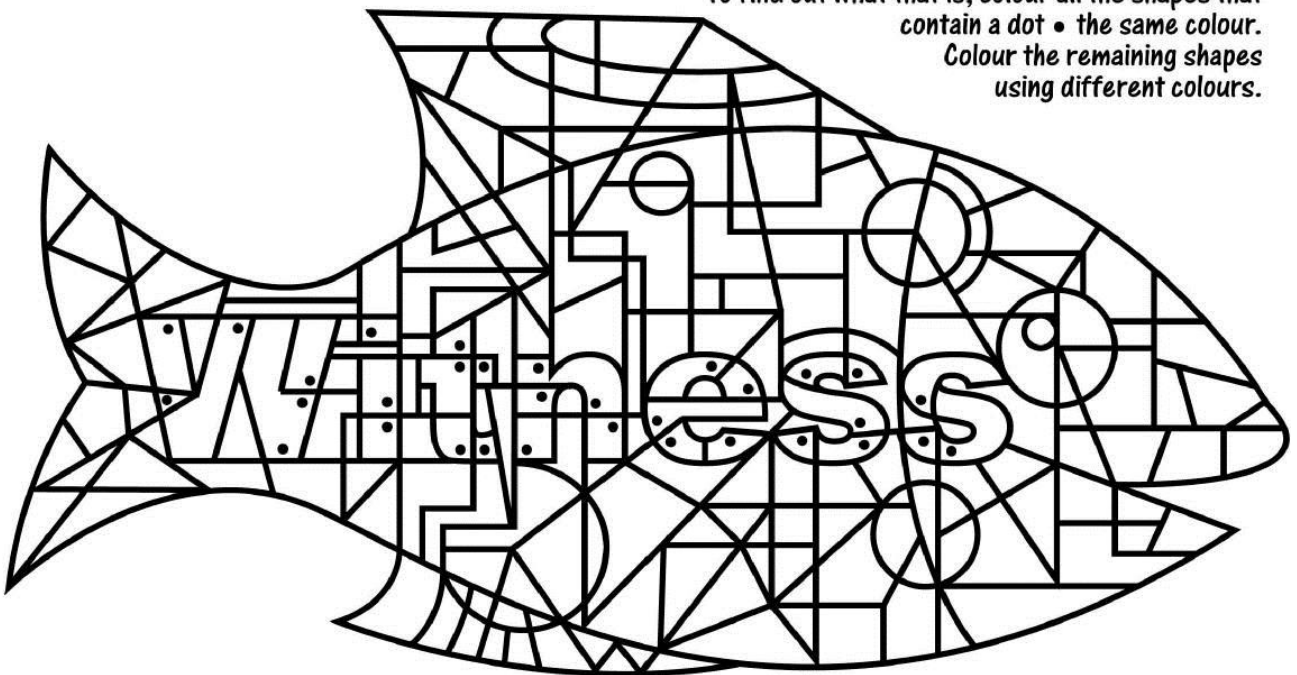
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There is something that Jesus asks us to do for him.
To find out what that is, colour all the shapes that contain a dot • the same colour.
Colour the remaining shapes using different colours.



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