



## The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner

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### EASTER SUNDAY YR A.—April 26, 2020 Road to Emmaus

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#### Life messages:

- **Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road.** The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and better family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.
- **We meet Jesus on a daily basis in our life's journey.** The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through prayer, through the faithful reading of, and meditation on, the Bible, through our experience Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration, where the risen Lord gives us Himself as our spiritual Food and Drink, through our personal and family prayers, and through our family meals. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and through the Word of God, we commune with him in prayer, and thus renew our relationship of mutual loving service. These meetings, then, enable us to encounter the risen Jesus living in all the people we meet and, in them, to offer our Lord humble, loving, selfless service.
- **Do our hearts burn when we listen to the risen Lord in the Bible?** Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Vatican II (*Dei Verbum* 21) tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, pray with the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the word of God with burning zeal, and practice what the Bible teaches.

**Humour: The Risen Lord is watching:** At the head table in the cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, "Take only one. Remember, Jesus is watching." At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl was a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read, "Take all you want. Jesus is watching the apples!"

*Please pray for the Sick :* Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela, Natalina, Daniella, Christian, Leigh., John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

#### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

In the Footsteps of Jesus  
IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with  
optional Egypt Tour.

#### October 16-27 2020 Chaplain

Rev Fr Florentino (Boy) Galdo with Biblical  
Catholic guide \$5640 per person  
twin share.

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#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

**As a consequence of the Corona Virus our Thanksgiving Envelopes to which you may have contributed is currently unavailable. However our running expenses still need to be met. If you are able, you can drop your envelopes into the mailbox at the Presbytery entrance.**

**Alternatively, you may wish to accumulate the weekly donations and bring them when we resume the celebration of the Mass. Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you and watch over you.**

#### PRAYERS IN TIME OF A PANDEMIC.

The early Christians prayed in the church of the home. Once more in troubled times when public worship has to be restricted we are called to pray in "the cosmetic church", always aware of the promise of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." Matt: 18:20. In this challenging time: Lord Jesus Christ our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous Peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolate. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever Amen.

#### Pope Francis on Twitter

Peter's secret weapon is Jesus's prayer.  
Jesus prays for Peter that his faith might not fail.  
What He did with Peter He does for all of us.  
Jesus prays for us before the Father, showing His wounds, the price of our salvation.

St Matthew's daily mass is live streamed on **Facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206102420820791/> or search for "Mass at St. Matthew's Fawkner North, Melbourne" on Facebook.**

Links to the recording of the Masses are also available on the Parish website : <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/Mass> times are as usual.

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**