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April 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)



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 of Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration in which 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 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. *(frtonyhomilies)*

III Domenica di Pasqua (Anno A)

La scena di Emmaus è un capolavoro di catechesi liturgica e missionaria. Vi è descritto l'itinerario di due discepoli che lasciano Gerusalemme illusi e delusi e vi ritornano per ripartire gioiosi e fiduciosi verso la testimonianza, perché sono stati incontrati dal Crocifisso-Risorto, spiegazione di tutta la Scrittura e presenza perenne tra i suoi nel sacramento del "pane spezzato".

L'inizio del cammino è un allontanarsi dal Crocifisso. La crisi della croce sembra aver seppellito ogni speranza. Colui che l'ha fatta nascere, l'ha portata con sé nella tomba. Non bastano voci di donne per farla rinascere. Gesù raggiunge i due subito a questo inizio e chiede di spartire con loro domande e scandalo.

Ecco la prima tappa, quella del problema posto ad ogni persona dall'evento Gesù, il Crocifisso.

L'appello di Cristo ci raggiunge sulla strada della nostra fede incompiuta e della sua domanda.

Gesù non arriva di faccia, ma da dietro, come dice il testo greco, e cammina a fianco, da forestiero.

Il passaggio al riconoscimento ha bisogno della spiegazione delle Scritture. Solo il Risorto ne è l'interprete adeguato.

Il cuore riscaldato e riaperto dal segno della Parola spiegata implora il viatico di un segno più intimo, quello del pane spezzato. Gesù, però, sparisce.

La Chiesa non può trattenere Gesù nella visibilità storica di prima. Deve sapere e credere che egli è vivo con essa e la vivifica nell'Eucaristia. I discepoli capiscono e tornano a Gerusalemme per condividere con gli apostoli la testimonianza.

Emmaus è un capolavoro di dialogo confortante. Emmaus assicura tutti che, quando ascoltano la Scrittura nella liturgia della Parola e partecipano allo spezzare del pane nella liturgia eucaristica, sono realmente incontrati da Cristo e ritrovano fede e speranza. *(lachiesa)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Lori, Catarina Calvi, Aiden Agius

Recently deceased: Nicola Cirillo, Laura Bettiol, Angela Leggio (Italy), Joseph Feain, Timothy Meaney, Anna Sicilia, Rocco Brigante, Maylene Palma, Arcangela Guida (Italy), Gaudencia Bonachita, Vincenzo Tumino (Italy). Rev. Bob Maguire

Anniversaries: Francesco Andricciola, Laura Maria Zoanetti, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Sebastiano Baresi, Vincenzo Maiorana, John Iapozzuto

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (April 29/30)

Lectors: Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella ; Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera ; 10.30 am: M. Costa

Bus driver: J. Butera

Statue of Our Lady

The parish statue of Our Lady has resumed her pilgrimage of our parishioner's homes after an extended pause due to COVID. Our Lady spends two weeks in each home and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to come and pray the rosary with you; for our parish and your own intentions.

If you would like to be added to the roster, please call Anna 0402741258 who will drop off and collect the statue.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (29-30th April)

You are invited to make your contribution to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood. The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations that will support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne. Over several years of academic and ministry training, seminary students strengthen the human, spiritual, pastoral, academic and missionary dimensions of their vocation, with the support of expert mentors, lecturers and supervisors. Donations can be made via the web site below:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/#1-donate-online>

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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