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April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

III DOMENICA DI PASQUA (ANNO B)

Gesù, venendo nel mondo, aveva come scopo ultimo della sua vita la salvezza dell'umanità. Per questo, oltre che preoccuparsi di operare la salvezza degli uomini per mezzo della sua passione, morte e risurrezione, provvide a far giungere la salvezza a tutti i popoli della terra per mezzo dell'opera della Chiesa. A tale scopo, fin dall'inizio della sua vita pubblica, si scelse dei discepoli perché stessero con lui, perché, vivendo con lui, seguendo i suoi esempi e le sue istruzioni, fossero formati per diventare suoi testimoni qualificati tra le genti. Gesù li formò innanzitutto alla sottomissione alla volontà del Padre, cioè all'amore della croce e allo svuotamento di se stessi (Mt 16,24-25) e li consacrò alla salvezza delle anime (Gv 17,18-20). Apprendo ai suoi apostoli, dopo la sua risurrezione, Gesù completò la formazione e l'insegnamento dato ai suoi discepoli; rivelando loro la verità del Vangelo, dette una pratica dimostrazione della realtà della vita eterna. Aprì in tal modo le loro menti alla comprensione delle Scritture e dei suoi insegnamenti, per renderli suoi testimoni autentici (cf. At 2,21-22), perché per mezzo loro la sua salvezza arrivasse a tutti gli uomini. Ogni cristiano oggi è chiamato a diventare un testimone autentico di Gesù, rivivendo in se stesso il mistero pasquale. La sua formazione cristiana è completa quando la sua vita si apre generosamente all'opera di evangelizzazione e di salvezza dei fratelli.

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The Gospel, Luke 24:35-48, takes us to the penultimate scene of Luke's account of Jesus' risen life (just before his departure from the earth at Bethany). It is Easter Sunday evening. The two disciples who have encountered the risen Lord on their journey to Emmaus have returned and shared their marvellous story. Now the disciples who have remained in Jerusalem are to meet the risen Lord themselves. In the way typical of the resurrection appearances across all four Gospels, the risen Lord meets the disciples exactly where they are emotionally: fearful, agitated, slow to believe, thinking that what they are seeing is a ghost. Jesus takes considerable pains to overcome their disbelief by making clear the full physical reality of his presence. He urges them to see and touch him, and eats a piece of fish before their eyes (vv. 38-42). Luke dramatises here – perhaps in an overly realistic way – what Paul also insists upon, writing to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:35-49): you cannot believe in the resurrection without believing that it involved – both for Jesus and for believers after him – full bodily existence.

Brendan Byrne,

**Good Shepherd Sunday—Word Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Sunday 21st April**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.” ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

Vianny Vocations

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Tony and Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno.

Upcoming funerals: *Caterina Camarere, Thursday, 11.00am. Rosary followed by the requiem mass.*

Recently deceased: Michele Chiodo, Marjan Rozic, Anna Natoli, Marianna Schiavello, Giovanni Apollonio, Mario Burelli, Concettina Caruso, Giovanna Serafino, Gelsomina Cellilli (Italy), Anna Butera (Italy), Vincenzo Cammarata (Italy), Antonio Ruggiero

Anniversaries: Maria Lamonaca, Laura Maria Zoanetti, Mary Robinson, Livio D'Ambrosio

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

Mass times
Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass
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 (Lee 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 20/21)
Lectors:
 Saturday 5.30 pm.: Brad Proud
 Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio
 10.30 am: M. Costa
Bus driver: J. Butera



Joke of the day
 After being married for over 40 years to the worst cook in the world, a man arrived home from work one evening to find her in floods of tears.
 “What’s the matter, darling?” he said.
 ‘It’s a disaster,’ she wailed. ‘The cat’s eaten your dinner!’
 ‘Don’t worry’ said the husband, comforting her.
 “I’ll get you a new cat.”

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro
 Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.
 Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.
 Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer
 God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.
 Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.
 Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

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

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