

Weekend of : 13/14 Apr 2024	Week 2			
<b>Ministry</b>	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
<b>Music Groups</b>	Congregation	Congregation	St Augustine	Congregation
<b>Heralds</b>	Abed	Jasmin/Madeline	Gabby	Teresa
<b>Readers</b>	Irene/Eaven	Therese / Kaithlyn	Danielle / Caitlin	Christine/Ruby
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mick G	Peter / Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M / Surya
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sophia/Immanuel/Cameron	Bianca/Christopher	Bryan/Philip/Patrick	Hannah/Taylor/Kiomi & Naomi

Weekend of : 20/21 Apr 2024	Week 3			
<b>Ministry</b>	Sat 5 pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
<b>Music Groups</b>	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation
<b>Heralds</b>	Callan	Bianca	Valentina	Mckenzie
<b>Readers</b>	Cris /Immanuel	Mabel/Christopher	Vera / Raphael	Maria / Mica
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mick G	Peter/Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M/ Surya
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Abed/Sophia/Cameron	-	Bryan/Philip/Caitlin/Patrick/Gabby	Teresa/Hannah/Taylor

**EASTER TRIUMPH CHOR FEEDBACK**  
SCAN ME

Dear Parishioners  
Fr Epeli would like your feedback regarding our choirs and Sacred Music. Please scan the QR Code and provide your feedback.

Thank you

**SUNDAY 10AM MASS CHOR FEEDBACK**  
SCAN ME

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Sat 13/4	Souls of Raffaele & Antonia Nesci
Sun 14/4	Soul of Christelle Amber
Mon 15/4	Deceased members of Azzi & Boustany families + J Azzi
Tues 16/4	A very sick Stephen
Wed 17/4	Death anniv of Frisca Bautista
Thurs 18/4	Souls of Marietta Arles & Zenaida Villaneuva
Fri 19/4	Soul of Engelberto Leal (recently deceased)

**Sisters of Life Sydney Tour 2024**

The Sisters of Life are coming to Sydney this April! University Catholics invites you to come and meet the sisters at any of the many events they will be attending!

For more information and to book, visit <https://www.unicatholics.org.au/sisters-of-life-2024-sydney-tour>

**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Engelberto Leal, Paulette Misola, Annabeth Nismal, Eufrazio E Yango,

**Death Anniversary:** Susan McCormick, Grazia Pollifrone, Gerundia Lardizabal, Nicola Iorfino

**In Loving Memory of:** deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Mgr Colm Conlon, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Maria Tomac, Caterina & Giovanni Luci, Joseph Azzi & deceased members of Azzi & Boustany families

**NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change**

**Sick & Infirm:** Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriquetta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Michelle Nairn, Mai Huynh, Salim Chu, Cecilia Shirley Quinto

**Wedding Anniversary:** Carol & Ley,  
**Thanksgiving/Birthdays:** Christian & Sabrina Brown + family, Sally Clark

**A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Weekend Collection Report**  
Weekend 06/07 April 2024

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2369 &  
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1808.00 &  
Envelopes - \$1790.00

Thank you for your generosity - Fr Epeli -

**PURPOSE Camp 2024**

**SCS STUDENT DISCOUNT**

Purpose Camp is back for 2024! The Sydney Catholic Youth team and Youth Leaders across the Sydney Archdiocese are working hard to make this year's high school camp bigger and better!

If you are currently in years 9-12, have the time of your life these upcoming holidays with tons of friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussions, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year, so get on board now or miss out!

DATE AND TIME: 9:30am, Monday 22 April - 1:00pm, Wednesday 24 April, 2024

WHERE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753.  
COST: \$250

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1179693>

Sydney Catholic School students can receive \$150 off the camp. Only 70 spots are available with the discount, so get in quick! Get the code by asking your REC or YMC at your school, or email us at [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**TELL NSW MPS TO REJECT THE GREENWICH "EQUALITY" BILL**

Despite being promoted as being about 'equality', the Greenwich bill will:

- X Remove protections** for religious schools and other faith-based institutions in our anti-discrimination laws
- X Strip away public decency laws for prostitution** and allow prostitutes to solicit for business outside churches and schools
- X Let men access women's-only spaces** by allowing them to change their sex on official documents;
- X Legalise commercial surrogacy** and place vulnerable women at risk, in Australia and overseas
- X Remove the need for parental consent for children's medical treatment** allowing kids and doctors to override the wishes of parents

Have your say by completing a short, parliamentary survey into the bill.

Scan this QR code and indicate that you OPPOSE every part of the bill.

The bill is so extreme that we need to send a message to MPs to reject the whole bill.

The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and closes in 14 April, so please respond today.

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**WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE**

**OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...**  
Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.  
Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am  
If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

**Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & In the way of Mary**

3rd Sunday of Easter - Yr B 14 April 2024

**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 14/04	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Baptisms (3) 5:00pm Mass
Mon 15/04	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 16/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 17/04	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 18/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 19/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Sat 20/04	11:00am Lithuanian Mass 1:00pm Wedding 4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

**SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church**

**REFLECTION** - Justin -

Throughout the readings for this Sunday, we read of a vastly different description of the disciples following the Resurrection of Jesus compared to what we read of them during Jesus' Passion. During the Passion, we read about how all the apostles abandoned Jesus except John. Now, after the Resurrection, we read of the courage of Peter in the Acts of the Apostles, with the way that he speaks to the people. We also hear in the gospel today about another of Jesus' appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection. They are initially alarmed by the sight of Jesus but that quickly turns to joy when they see and touch his wounds. Then he opens their minds to the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection and the importance of this for the forgiveness of sins.

What then, are we to learn from these readings today? Are we not also like the disciples? What is our relationship with God like when we are going through a dark time? What is our relationship with God like when we are going through good times? We can and do experience all the emotions that the disciples felt. We have experienced desolation at being far from God or not living in right relationship to him. We have also experienced the joys of being close to God when we invite him to work in and through us.

One of the keys to today's readings is to recognise the lasting change in the disciples after the Resurrection. Peter goes from being a coward who denies even knowing Christ, to being one who proclaims Christ and his saving action to the world. What brings about this difference? Simply, that he entered back into a right relationship with Jesus and allowed Him to transform him.

Jesus has saved us, and He continues to save us. Will you allow yourself to experience this by going to confession and experiencing the radicalness of God's saving action in your own life? Perhaps a helpful question to ponder through all this is: What would my life look like, if I allowed Christ to rule in me?

**Holy Baptism**

- Sienna Artigas
- Kato Dapo
- Koa Dapo

May they be blessed with the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism.

**Project Compassion 2024**

Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes if you have still got them at home. We thank you for your generosity.

**Next Newman Group Meeting:**

14th April – Romans 8: Living the life in the Spirit.  
27th April (Sat) – Bushwalk – Please RSVP to [newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org](mailto:newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org)  
12th May – Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel  
26th May – The Liturgy and the Trinity

Fr. Bijoy Joseph

**Camino of St Joseph 2024 - Overnight Pilgrimage for Men 18+**

An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

DATE: Friday, 26 April 2024 7:30 PM - Saturday 27 April 2024 7:30 AM

COST: \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on 26/04 from Moorebank.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant

also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 24: 46-47

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; / in his name repentance and remission of sins / must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES. The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 65: 1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take**



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

A reading from the first letter of St John. *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.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 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

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*It is 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.

away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

### COLLECT

P. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. *You 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.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us. (or 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.**