

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B 17th - 18th April 2021

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

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2.4.7.9. R. v.7

R/ Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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: Luke 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 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.



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You are Witnesses to this

The two disciples returning from their planned trip to Emmaus were rushing to tell 'the eleven and their companions' about their encounter on the road. They were bursting with the news but before they could open their mouths they were greeted with 'Yes, it's true, the Lord is risen. He appeared to Simon'. No mention of the women who were the first to witness the Resurrection and tell them the news. Finally the two get to tell 'what had happened to them and how Jesus made himself known when he broke the bread with them.' One can only imagine their delight and wonder as they started their story but they hardly got started when again they were interrupt-

ed. This time, 'Jesus himself stood in their midst'. Luke talks about the panic of the disciples, who thought they were seeing a ghost. It must indeed have been very frightening. They had seen Jesus dying on the cross (those who hadn't gone away), and now here was this ghost saying "Peace be with you." That sounded familiar though. Jesus quickly goes on trying to reassure them, "Look at my hands and feet ... touch me". In their 'joy they didn't dare to believe and were still astonished'. Jesus asks for food. He eats, then recalling what had been written about Him, 'He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures'. The Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. Jesus then confirms their mission to proclaim and witness to the fact that 'repentance and forgiveness in His name' are available to all.



Breaking bread and breaking the Word seem to be integral components of the Risen Christ experience as are in the telling of the story. He comes as a surprise and is not recognised at first. Jesus is aware of the variety of emotions that the disciples are experiencing: agitation, confusion, fear, joy, disbelief. Jesus says touch me, see me, feed me, listen to me. It is in the ordinary places (and conversations) that Jesus appears to His followers: on the road, in the room, at a meal, on the beach. After the initial shock, the disciples in recognising Jesus recognise Christ, the Risen One and are now enthused to witness to Him in the face of all kinds of opposition even death.

Today, we are living in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic and we see and meet the Risen Lord in countless peoples and places where we encounter fear, death, grief, compassion, anguish, kindness, solidarity, hope, love...This is our Risen Christ. Christ is working through us, with us and in us, healing, forgiving, and opening our minds and hearts. 'You are witnesses to this' (v.48).

To ponder – how am I being witness?

Sr Bridget O'Driscoll O.P

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only



Welcome Deacon Hai!

My name is Hai Nguyen, from Vietnam. There are seven people in my family including my parents, siblings and me. I am the eldest son in the family. I have two younger brothers and two younger sisters. My parents are farmers. Living in the farming environment helped me experience financial hardships, difficulties and challenges in life. I also met many people who were sick, the poor, and the marginalised when I was a teenager. It motivated me to question 'what is the purpose of being a human person' and about being a follower of Jesus Christ. I feel that I really want to help the poor, the sick, the marginalised and the voiceless.

I believe that God calls me to be an instrument of God in doing God's mission. As a result, I decided to join the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in 2008, took my first vows in 2014 in Vietnam, and came to Australia in 2015. Here I studied English and Theology. I have completed my Bachelor of Theology and I will finish my Master's Degree of Theology in June 2021. I took Final Vows on 13th March and was ordained Deacon on 14th March 2021. My priestly ordination will be on 27th November, 2021. I am grateful to God for the call of being a SVD religious missionary, also to the Australian SVD province, as my second family which has nourished my vocation journey.

Hai Nguyen



Sacred Heart Primary School 2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au> At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Welcome!



This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Arlo Lambert, Marley Pow and Xander Harley Bartolo** into our Parish family

Last Week's Collection: 11/04/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$983.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$535.00
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3dkBuX9> where you can listen anytime!

Presbytery News and Thank you!

After almost 4 years at working as the Parish Secretary for Sacred Heart Parish, Cristina has decided to move on to another role, and would like to thank all the wonderful clergy and parishioners for making her time here so much more pleasant!

As a result, Sacred Heart Parish is now seeking someone to fill this position. If you are interested, or know someone who may be suitable for this role, please visit

<https://melbournecatholic.org/about/job-vacancies/parish-secretary-sacred-heart-parish>

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021



Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish.

Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Updated as of 5:00pm Thursday 8 April 2021:

- All people must carry a face covering when they leave home unless they have a lawful reason not to. Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors it is strongly recommended that people wear a fitted face covering if the 1.5m personal distancing cannot be maintained.
- Weddings, funerals and religious gatherings can occur with no limits on the number of guests or attendees, working within density limits. To ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance the 'venue' must apply the two square metre rule. Anything conducted in a private home must apply the gathering limits for private homes.
- Religious gatherings can be held indoors or outdoors.
- Record keeping remains an important and critical tool for keeping all in the community safe.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Full guidelines can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3uBL1io>



Pope Francis' Message World Day of Vocations 2021

Good Shepherd Sunday - 25th April

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'

A Prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at the time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us grow in faith and pray to the Father, *thy will be done.*

Amen



Roster for weekend of 24th - 25th April 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Teresa Dang Mary Harb	Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Tony Eley
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke,

**Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum
and Bronislawa Slobodzian**

Those who have died recently
Ray McVeigh

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Ministers and Readers

At present, only one Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist has been allocated for each mass if required. This will depend partly on numbers of attendees at each mass and ongoing circumstances during this time of emergence out of COVID with social distancing etc...

If you are continuing or are no longer available for these ministries or for this mass time, please advise Cristina, Jessy or myself as soon as possible and we will adjust the roster.

The Parish Safe Standards committee is currently updating its record of volunteers who hold current Working with Children Checks, as it is now compulsory for all Clergy, volunteers and employees.

If you need to apply for a WWCC, update your currently held Card or add Sacred Heart Church to your list of organisations in which you work as a volunteer, please refer to the attached WWCC help sheet or for clarification contact the presbytery office or myself.

Teachers who hold current VIT cards will nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work via VIT and the Parish will be advised via the WWCC Unit.

Thank you for your ministries past and present to our Sacred Heart community.

Pauline O'Day
Parish SS Committee



Thank you!

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Cleaning Roster: Saturday 24th April 2021

Anna and Lizzie
Thank you for your help!

