

Daily Masses: search on "Youtube" channel and in the search bar write St Joseph Como

We acknowledge all peoples, past and present, who lived on this land.

At this time of social distancing, let us be in touch via our digital network of communication.

Sat:9am: Relief & Deliverance of the Souls in Purgatory; **5pm;** +Jo Oaths 2nd Ann; **Sun: 8am**+Pro Populo.; **Mon:**+ Daniel Andreallo 1st Ann.; **Tues:** Dominic, Teresa, Paul, Marina and her two sons; **Wed:** +For Relief & Deliverance of the Souls in Purgatory.; **Thurs: Fri:** +Mr& Mrs George Nasser & Elaine Abdalla; **Sat:9am:** For intersections of St Francis of Paola; **5pm** +John & Eileen Heaney

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:
"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."



May the blessings of the Divine Mercy Sunday kindle Faith and Trust in our hearts. Thank you Rosa and your Supporters for making last Sunday so special in our church. God bless you.



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Our sick: Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

In Luke 24 we have one of the first appearances of the Lord to his disciples, which took place on the road to Emmaus, a city just a few miles from Jerusalem. Only one of the disciples is named here, by the name of Cleopas. Church tradition has it that he was one of the 70 disciples, and that he was the brother of Joseph, the husband of Mary; and that the other disciple was his own son Simeon, who became the second bishop of Jerusalem after AD 70. Jesus walks with them, and their hearts are burning because the one who is the Incarnate Word is disclosing himself to them. He is catechizing them, so that they are being prepared to find him fully. At the table, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

Pope Francis said the forced isolation devised to stop the pandemic was presenting the danger of people living the faith only for themselves — detached from the sacraments, the Church and the people of God. "Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church", he said in his homily at his morning Mass in the chapel of his residence on 17 April. "This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the Sacraments".



Lest We Forget

The 25th of April was officially named Anzac Day in 1916 to mark the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. With the coming of the Second World War, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war and other military engagements.

3rd May – Mothers' Day.

Dear Mothers, thank you for your sacrifices, your love and care; all that you do from the depths of your hearts.

In both Greek and Roman cultures, the month of May was recognised as the season of the beginning of new life. In the Greek world, May was dedicated to the goddess Artemis and associated with fertility. Roman culture linked the month of May to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms – this led to the custom of ludi florales (or floral games) which took place at the very end of April as a preparation for entering into the month of May. It seems that this ancient tradition of connecting May with new life and fertility, led to a realisation that May is very much the month of motherhood – this may be the reason why Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries and cultures of both the East and the West. The connection between motherhood and May led Christians eventually to adopt May as Mary's month.

The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally, it is prayed in place of the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost. **V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia. R. For He whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia. V. He Has risen, as said, Alleluia. R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia. V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Heraclitus of Ephesus (535-475 BC.) is credited with the phrase πάντα ρεῖ (*panta rhei*) "everything flows". Each year on 25th April I reflect upon the Divine call to priesthood which was bestowed upon me. On this day I praise God for selecting me from many to be His messenger and priest. Nothing stays still, all is moving "panta rhei" for Greater Glory of God.

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We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 15)

ANTIPHON: Lord, you will show us the path of life

RESPONSE: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Or **Alleluia.**

LECTOR: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: "You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize." **R.**

LECTOR: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

LECTOR: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

LECTOR: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK (4th Sunday of Easter, Year A) Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

*Want
to learn
more?*

Mother's Day will be celebrated around the country on Sunday May 10. Families will get together to celebrate their wonderful mums. In her book, *Being a Catholic Mother*, Elizabeth Davies looks at what it means being a Catholic mother in this day-and-age. The single mum to four children explores her faith and how she "weathers the storms" in her life. The book is available from Majellan Media for \$19.95 (postage included). Further details from **03 9592 2777** or office@majellan.org.au

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*God is always
with us*



26 April 2020 3rd Sunday Easter Year A

Shocked and bewildered after the brutal execution of Jesus, two of the disciples were wrestling with the horrific events they had been swept up in. In their trauma, they were discussing the words and promises of Jesus about the coming Reign of God, and how cruelly their hopes had been shattered with his arrest and crucifixion. They had expected Jesus to be the Messiah, fulfilling the ancient hopes of Israel.

But they were even more baffled by reports from some women in their group that Jesus was not dead. How could this be after what they had been through?

Curiously, they do not recognise Jesus when he starts walking by their side, asking why they were so downcast. He patiently explains how the prophets and Scriptures point to the coming of Christ. They still do not recognise him until at the meal that evening, he breaks the bread, but then disappears. Amazed, they hurry back to Jerusalem with their news, to hear that Jesus had also appeared to Simon.

What an amazing incident. No wonder it was so treasured by the early Christians. Who among us today would not welcome Jesus joining us in our journey, walking with us, and explaining how God's grace was unfolding in the mystery of our lives?

The message of St Luke is that Christ does indeed walk with us in our life journey, as a community in the breaking of bread,

the Eucharist, but as individuals too, in our joys and sadness. Some people have a deep sense of God's love and presence in their lives and families. But others may not feel the closeness of God's touch, and long for such a sense of love and intimacy. It can seem like God is playing hide-and-seek with them.

This is not a bad thing. We are all seekers, and God loves nothing more than for us to seek him out, each in our own way. Just as the relationship between two lovers is unique, so is our relationship with God. We long to know more about how intensely God loves us, even to the point of laying down his life in Jesus in his total commitment to all humanity.

We are all especially called into the mystery of his Resurrection, by contributing in our own tiny perhaps, but graced way of loving and working to transform the earth into a realm of peace and justice, while realising that Jesus identifies most with those who are distressed or oppressed. We can be sure that God delights in our little lives, and longs to walk with us, especially when our faces are downcast in difficult times. Then we hope we too may feel our hearts burning within us.

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