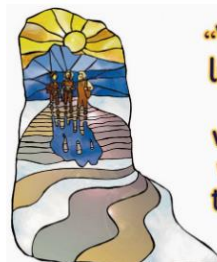


St. Agatha's Parish Cranbourne 26th April 2020

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"Wasn't it like a fire burning within us when he talked to us?"

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Joseph Abutu

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SISTERS OF THE NATIVITY: Sr Mary Olofu, Sr Faustina Ede, Sr Victoria Orinya

3rd Sunday of Easter

Due to COVID19 The Parish Office will be closed to visitors:
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9moZmnAUIrOw-c9jn03Cg>

For Mass offerings, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries please phone or email the parish office

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Recently Deceased: Justina Noronha, Margaret D'Rosario

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Patrick Quirke, Richard Lahausse, Alfio Risicato, Gregoria Vincenzino, Milagros Belcina, Crispina Barroso, Edna Widrose, Sr Joyce Nongo, Fr Tim O'Brien

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Felix Weinman, Warren, Lorenzo Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, during the week all clergy received a letter from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, Diocesan Administrator regarding his instalment as 9th Archbishop of Adelaide on Monday 25th May, the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. He will be leaving the Diocese on Monday 4th May. This is due to the fact that he will have to 'self-isolate' for two weeks upon arrival in South Australia.

Fr Peter Slater has been appointed Diocesan Administrator for the Diocese until we are appointed a new Bishop.

Beginning next weekend, we will not be livestreaming the Sunday evening 6.00pm Mass. Live Streamed Weekend Mass times Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.00am only.

Below is an extract from Pope Francis' homily last week. **Faith via media consumption is "not the Church"** 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 17th 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 — always," Pope Francis said. <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/sadness-and-hope-as-churches-close/>

God bless Fr Joseph

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 26TH APRIL 2020

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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.**

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.**

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.**

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

SECOND READING

PT 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave

him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

LK 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and day is almost over.' So he went to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour

MASS OFFERINGS: At your request, a Mass can be offered for your intention. This can only be arranged through telephoning the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

The Parish Office is closed and staff will be working remotely from home, all calls and emails will be answered. Mon, Tue & Thurs Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm.

COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE:

Due to the current restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government because of the Corona Virus pandemic, the Victorian Commission of Gambling and Liquor Regulation have extended the Draw dates and Publication for the 2020 Combined Raffle. **New Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm. Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.**

If you would like to purchase tickets for this raffle or return the ticket stubs please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.



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PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE: *Join the Pilgrimage.* The disciples journeyed from the tomb in Jerusalem out into the country side and towns obedient to the bidding of Jesus. During this time a risen Jesus revealed

Himself to them. It was a time of turmoil, a time of both extraordinary joy and a time of *isolation and fear.*

Does this sound familiar?

As Jesus was then, so He is now. The Lord is risen and so very close to you.

While isolation may be required and a duty, rather let us benefit from joining with a like-minded community that together "choose" a spiritual self-imposed isolation over these coming weeks until Pentecost.

Catholics are invited to join others worldwide on a spiritual pilgrimage to Pentecost. Register for free to receive a series of talks which are uploaded twice a week from speakers around the world, including Australia (including Archbishop Porteous, Hobart, Fr Ken Barker MGL, Founder and Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love, Robert Falzon, Cofounder of menALIVE, and Daniel Ang, Director of Parish 2020, Sydney Archdiocese).

To register go to:
<https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>



HAVE YOU BEEN LONGING TO PRAY THE FULL SPIRITUAL EXERCISES? Kardia Formation is offering a unique opportunity to pray the Full Spiritual Exercises in 90 days. During this on line - at home retreat you will journey with a small group and receive individual spiritual direction. We will pray the Exercises with *Grace Upon Grace: Savouring the Spiritual Exercises through the Arts*, in two one-hour prayer periods each day. Interested in joining us? [Contact Kardia for more information.](#)

CATHOLIC CARE: Relationships Depend on Communication: *Keeping in touch: pen, ink and paper.* Many people, especially the elderly, will be feeling the separation from contact with family and community very acutely. Many may have limited access to the internet, but the pleasant surprise of a hand-addressed and hand-written letter will linger. Research also shows that the writer benefits as well as the receiver! Other things can be included in the envelope, such as a photo, pressed flower or a prayer card.

It doesn't need to be a piece of literature for the ages; it just needs to express you, your feelings and your effort to reach out to someone. So, go find that pen, that piece of paper, an envelope and a stamp and bring a ray of light to someone's life today.

CATHOLIC CARE: Communicating with families. Family Week is usually celebrated from 15-21 May. It is a time to celebrate and strengthen family relationships. This year, we have altered our classroom activities for use in a home setting. Please share these resources with the families in your parish. We would love to hear your stories of how people use them. http://www.ccam.org.au/page/123/family-week-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19&utm_content=Services%20for%20parishes%20in%20COVID-19+CID_850d294be9ce1729d51d28b12066af77&utm_source=Email&utm_term=HOME%20ACTIVITIES%20FOR%20FAMILIES

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: is running an urgent appeal as a Project Compassion extra wave. Now, more than ever, your compassion is needed. For the next three weeks, our **COVID-19 Crisis Appeal** will be asking for urgent donations to help those families living in poverty to access hygiene knowledge, health supplies, soap and clean water that will save their lives. Through this appeal, we can expand our capacity to assist communities at serious risk of infection and to help contain the spread of the virus. Of course we understand that many in Australia are 'doing it tough', but we are asking those who feel able to assist in aiding the many throughout the world whose lives and families may well be devastated by the pandemic. For more details go to <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>

CATHOLIC PRAYER RESOURCES

MUSIC AND PRAYER FOR YOU AT HOME:

You are invited to pray at home with the Sunday readings with free access to the following online music and video resources:

Psalms and chants from Marist Music <http://www.maristmusic.org.au/easter-yr-a> - select Easter 3A for the psalm and gospel chant available as sheet music or audio

Seeking Stillness – beautiful psalm music and Gospel meditations from Gen Bryant [Seeking Stillness - Playlist](#)

FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

Liturgy Brisbane:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

“They recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread.”

Something to Think About:

The disciples in today's story don't recognise Jesus at first - even when he is walking beside them. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily activities, in our family, friends, and even those people we don't know very well. Let's give a joyful welcome to those we meet each day!

The Story

This is a post-resurrection story from Luke's gospel. The disciples are disillusioned and disappointed because Jesus died on a cross, was buried in a tomb, and now his body is missing and they have been told 'he is risen from the dead'. Into this gloom walks Jesus, who walks with the two disciples along the road to Emmaus but the disciples do not recognise him.

Family Discussion

How do you think the two disciples felt as they left Jerusalem?

Why do you think they did not recognise Jesus?

When they realised they had been speaking with Jesus, what did they do?

Jesus shows us how to welcome the stranger – those who are different, those we do not like as much as some others. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily lives. How do we welcome those who are on the outside of our group?