

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

26th April 2009

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 35-48

Jesus is risen. The worst thing has become the best thing. Good has come from evil. Love has triumphed. Jesus is risen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28th April	Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Wednesday 29th April	Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Friday 1st May	First Friday, Sacred Heart
Saturday 2nd May	Athanasius, bishop, doctor First Saturday, Fatima

ME, A WITNESS TO CHRIST

As always, our reflection on Jesus and on those first followers, through whose witnessing we have come to believe, requires a look inward. Because we have the privilege and responsibility of continuing to testify to the dying and rising of Jesus, ours is a witness that must be true.

Every action, at every moment, is to reveal the heart of the one who acts. Every action witnesses to the faith that motivates and inspires it. It follows then that every word must clarify and not contradict the actions that define and identify us as Christ's disciples. When our manner of witnessing becomes a way of life, and when our manner of living becomes itself a credible witness, then we will be able to offer the worthy testimony that will enable others to recognise and accept the truth of the good news by which we are saved.

WITNESS TO CHRIST

A court-appointed psychologist told Nicky Cruz, then 19, that he was headed to jail, then to the electric chair, then to hell. Cruz was the leader of the Mau Maus, the most violent, most feared gang in New York City. "I got high on hatred," he says. Through pure grace, not long afterward, he accepted faith in Jesus. Today, Cruz is an evangelist who has led thousands of gang members away from lives of violence and addiction. His experience gives him credibility.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Jason Price, Fr Peter Thompson Cm, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Paul Moate, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland,

Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Enid McDowell, Eileen Brown, Jelka Kovacevic, Pat Esler (Wagga Wagga), Don McDonald, Elsie Dale, Noel Carrol and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Barry Saunders, Marilen Carmona, Antony Carmona, Alice Hynes, Jenny Hawkins and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

John Thompson, George & Queenie Reis, Ted Reis, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

SKYLA KRAUTZ

JOSEPH VON MARBURG

JAKE DAVYS

TYLER ESLER-LADD

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend at all Masses for Vocations and Education of Priests.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

A day of Prayer and Reflection will be lead by the Prayer Companions from the Week of Guided Prayer Team

Monday 11th May 2009 at 10.00am for 10.30am until 2.30pm
St Patrick's Hall Supper Room, Albury.
BYO Lunch, morning tea provided.

RSVP: Irene Bowyer by 4th May Ph (02) 6023 5670.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms is holding a Focus Workshop on 23rd and 24th May at The Hermitage, Mittagong, NSW for anyone who has thought about volunteering overseas. For further information please contact Benjamin Oh on 02 9518 9551 or ben@palms.org.au

150 YEARS OF THE GOULBURN MERCY CONGREGATION

October 2009 will mark 150 years since the Mercy Sisters arrived in Goulburn from Ireland. The Sisters are hoping that friends and co-workers, ex-students and those they have cared for will be able to join them for celebrations from Thursday 22nd October until Sunday 25th October 2009. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

COFFEE MORNING

A Combined Churches Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 8th May at 10.00am in St Patrick's Hall Supper Room. The cost is \$5.00 and proceeds will go to Jindera Rural Care.

SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

Gemma Sisia, Founder and Director of the School of St Jude, Tanzania, will speak at a dinner function on Monday 18th May. The event will begin at 6.30pm in the Waratah Room, Commercial Club. The cost of tickets is \$27.50 per person, with drinks at bar prices. For tickets and details, please contact Leasa Brown on

(02) 6043 1346, 0409 827 531 or email: leasabrown@gotalk.net.au

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE VISIT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona is privileged to be able to have the pilgrim statue at their parish on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2009. A Marian Procession will commence at 5.30pm with the Rosary prior to Mass. Following Mass, a DVD presentation of the Message of Fatima will be shown in the Marian Centre. BYO shared tea. Following the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, the DVD will again be shown. All welcome.

GALONG MAY PROCESSION - SUNDAY 3RD MAY, 2009

12.00 noon – Mass

1.00pm - Lunch, bring picnic or BBQ available

2.00pm - Procession to Grotto

This year the Icon of Sedes Sapientiae will be part of the procession plus The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

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YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual fete on Sunday 3rd May. The fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, on the corner of Mutsch & Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

SNIPPET

If we do what we can to be faithful to God in the ordinary routine of life, we may be confident that He will give us the grace to remain faithful in whatever extremity we may find ourselves through his permission. (Reginald Garrigou-Lagrance OP)