

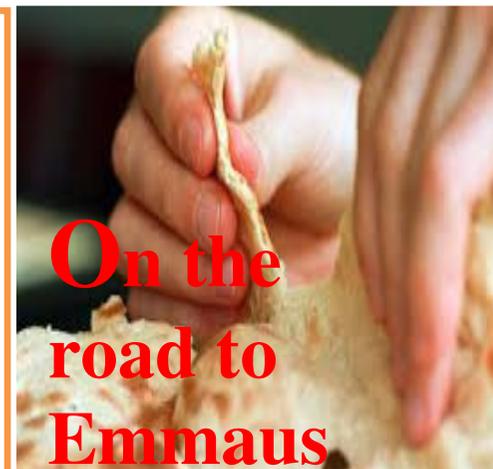
In Luke 24 we look at the first disclosure of our Lord to his disciples, which took place on the road to Emmaus, a city just a few miles from Jerusalem. Only one of the disciples is named here, by the name of Cleopas. Church tradition has it that he was one of the 70 disciples, and that he was the brother 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...Their 7 mile walk was a walk in the desert of Adam, in the darkness of death, in a land where hope had been abandoned. That is the condition of humankind unable to find hope when they have not encountered the risen Christ. But the risen Christ loves them, and he is coming to them to bring them to himself...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. And he *took* a cup, and when he had *given thanks* he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he *took* bread, and when he had *given thanks*, he *broke* it and *gave* it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. (Luke 22:17-20). The one who came and walked with them, the one who talked with them and disclosed himself to them, preparing them to encounter them as their Risen Lord, is the one who now opens their eyes to see him in the breaking of the bread. It is in the communion of the body and blood of Christ that he gives himself fully to them. It is in the communion of this broken body, which is now risen and given for their eternal life, that they can truly meet Christ.

Beware of the devil, who wants a jealous, power-hungry and divided church, Pope Francis said. Be open to the Holy Spirit, who brings unity and harmony, and who pushes people to focus fully on Christ, the pope said April 29 during his homily at Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives. The pope's morning homily reflected on the day's reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-37), which describes the early Christian community as being made up of believers who were "of one heart and mind," who "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and who distributed their assets "to each according to need." Pope Francis said the passage describes what every Christian community -- including parishes and dioceses -- should model and aspire to: "peace, witness, poverty and taking care of the poor." A community of peace, forgiveness and harmony means "there's no place for gossip, jealousy, back-stabbing and slander," he said, according to a report by Vatican Radio.



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4th May 2014 (A)

3rd Sun of Easter

1ST READING: Acts 2:14. 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2ND READING: Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: John 24:13-35

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am
 Wed: 6pm
 Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm
 Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: †Barbara Farrell

Sun 8am: Pro Populo

Sun 9:30am: †Daria King Fa Lai

Sun 5pm: †Barbara Farrell

Tue: †Allan Ellsmore

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo and Jenny Yong*

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.

Happy Birthdays to: Jacob Paquin (6th) & May Wells (11th).



Our Community is saddened at the loss of John Heaney, who together with his late wife, Eileen, were tremendous, committed and unconditional supporters of this Parish. We are grateful to God for giving us such a wonderful couple who walked with us. May John and Eileen rest in peace and intercede for us in heaven. (John passed away on Sat 26th April and his funeral was held on Thu 1st May).

We welcome Bianca Mia Santopietro and her family to her Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

CFW Appeal: We welcome our **guest speakers** to our Vigil, Sun 8am & 9:30am Masses. Donation envelopes are available in the pews for your contributions.

Next Sun. is the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Verbum Dei Missionaries Fundraising Walkathon: Sun 25th May from Mary Mackillop, Nth Syd. to Botanical Gdns. For more info visit www.builtonrock.org.au or call 9313 7099.

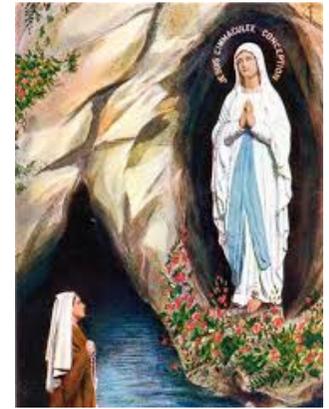
Retreat Day for Women: Sat 24th May from 9:30am-4pm at St Joseph's Convent, 2 Missenden Rd, Camperdown. For more details, ring Sr Moira RSm on 9557 2398.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A)	M Butler, V Hage (R)	M Yong, J Yong (C)	Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A)	A Brink, F De Andrade (R)	G Gates, Volunteer (C)	P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A)	I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R)	S Pedisich (C)	A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers	Counters: G Hage, V Hage		

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A)	L Paquin, J Spora (R)	F Doherty, G Hage (C)	Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A)	P Tjugito, A Burke (R)	O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C)	P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A)	M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R)	C Findlay (C)	A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please	Counter: G Hogan		

Mary Month – Why May?

Some have pointed to the fact that, in classic western culture (both Greek and Roman), May was recognized as the season of the beginning of new life. In the Greek world, May was dedicated to the goddess Artemis and associated with fecundity. 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 fecundity, led to a realization that May is very much the month of motherhood – this may be the reason why Mother's Day is celebrated during May in many countries and cultures of both the East and the West. In the month of May, in the North, the winter comes to an end and the spring season begins (this was the official beginning of spring in Roman culture). This new beginning and new birth is a testimony to the motherhood of Mother Earth. The connection between motherhood and May led Christians eventually to adopt May as Mary Month. May is the Month of our Lady precisely as the Mother of God.

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 (pictured in her Coronation at left). Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century. The *Regina Coeli* is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted, often as seen below, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart. Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.



**Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is 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.