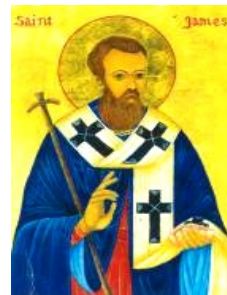


3RD SUNDAY EASTER YR B 2021 18 APRIL

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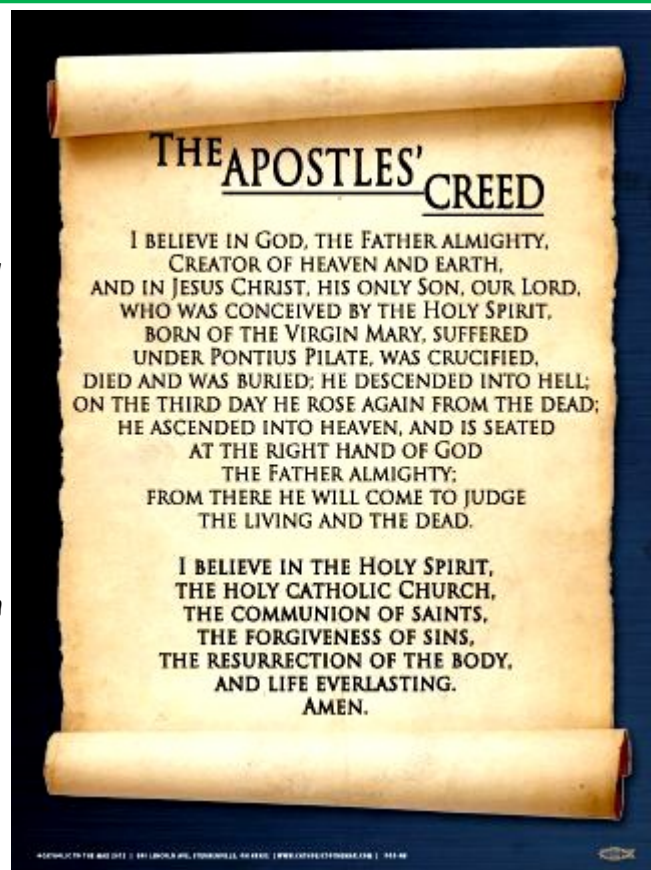
Body and Soul

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Just like last week, we get another reminder that the risen Jesus offers peace to his friends and disciples. In this reading, they are still struggling with fear, doubt, and confusion about what they have experienced over the last three days. Rather than criticizing them for their doubts or misunderstandings, Jesus begins this encounter with them with his famous words "Peace be with you." Before he does anything else, he wants them to have that gift. Once the peace is given, then he can answer their questions. It is only after they receive his peace that they can come to believe that this person in front of them-whom they thought was a ghost-is really their risen friend.

Jesus takes care to show the disciples that he is still in a physical body. They can feel him with their own fingers. They can see the nail wounds in his hands and feet. They watch him eating fish. Jesus wants to be clear with them that he is not just a bright spirit floating around the earth.

In the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The gospel today gives us that hope. Our belief is that somehow we do not know how God will give us new life in the physical bodies we had on earth. They will be recognizable, as Jesus was recognizable after his resurrection, and they will still show the marks of our wounds, but those wounds will be healed. We will never be able to explain this hope and this belief with our minds, but then again, neither could the disciples have explained it rationally to others.



- ◇ Jesus responds to his friends' doubts and confusions by offering peace rather than criticism. In what area(s) of your life might God be inviting you to accept peace rather than remain troubled?
- ◇ What difference does it make for you to believe in the resurrection of the body, not just a resurrection of the soul or spirit?

 We welcome Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA to our parish for the next couple of Welcome weeks, while Fr Francis takes annual leave until May 6th.

Thank you Fr Jepser for coming up from Sydney, to spend some time with St James Parish.



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And it has continued to transform his life.
Find out how, visit:
baptisedcatholic.com.au ; livingcatholic.com.au
busycatholic.com.au



April 18 is Vocations Day. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, Catholic Bishops encourage young adults to answer the universal call to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out his/her vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life—we are all called to holiness, community, and service. This means that service is not just for confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life—as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it—they serve others!

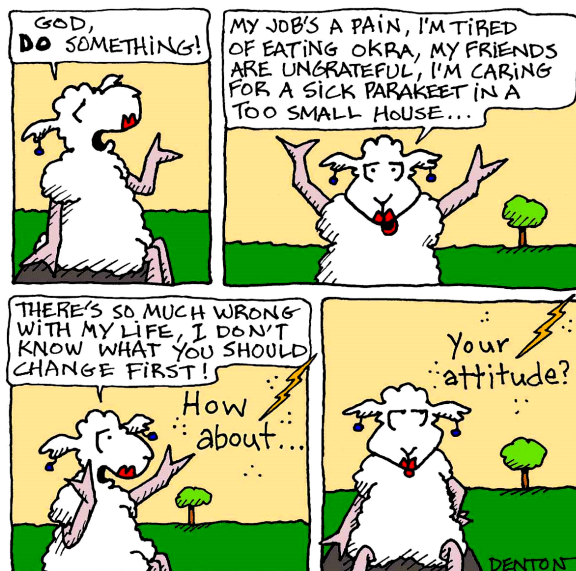
April 18, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Easter • Luke 24:35-48

Worth the Risk

The Risen Jesus appears again to the disciples. This time he wants to make sure that they don't think he is some kind of apparition or ghost. So Jesus not only shows them the wounds in his hands and feet, he eats with them. Finally, he opens their minds to understand more clearly the Scriptures.

Jesus was crucified. The disciples who had followed him for years were alone with their questions. Many of them had given up everything to walk with Jesus. They saw him as their Messiah—the Saviour of Israel—the person who would reclaim their country's greatness. The great adventure appeared to be all over when, suddenly, Jesus was again in their midst. In this account of Jesus appearing to his disciples, Jesus shows his wounded hands and feet to all the disciples so they will believe it is he. He asks for food and eats it to prove he is not a ghost. And then the Risen Jesus opens their minds, and they begin to understand all that he taught them. He helps them to rethink Scripture readings they had heard since they were children.

Finally, the disciples get it. Jesus is the Messiah. He is the Saviour, but he is saviour to more than Israel. Jesus' kingdom stretches beyond time and place. Everything they saw and heard takes on a new meaning. When Jesus died they thought their mission had ended; instead, their great adventure had just begun.



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"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

Sheepish Question:

Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what your family would do if Jesus knocked on your door and asked to have dinner with you.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What do the words "Jesus" and "Savior" mean to you? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

How often do we react as the disciples did, writing off a person because of our limited point of view? How often do we do this to a child, our spouse or a good friend when we don't wait to hear the whole story or explanation? Trust requires patience and sometimes an openness to even the improbable. As we learn from this Gospel it is not easy, but the reward for our trust may be worth the risk.

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St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:

Tess Walsh; Noel Paterson; Eileen Carty; Mariena Corzo de Paredes; Arturo Belciña; Brockwell Miller; Joan Hartley; Yvonne Cassidy.

And these anniversaries: Les & Ruby Richards; Carmel Sheehan; Ricardo Herft; John Pedrazzini; Theo Leask.

Please pray for these unwell: Desley Whitehouse; Frank Cassidy; Rob Marshall; Leanne

Hendrix; Fr Ron Mollison; Rhelma Kenny; Edric McAuliffe; Michael Simpson.

Please pray for our Baptismal children:

Aidan O'Kane; Gabriela Madeiros Satiago Silva; Rey Loyola; Ruby Lyle.



Parish news

St James Parish Sacramental Program for Children

(Term 2) ...Year 3 children or older ... (Children who are baptised, we require a copy of baptismal certificate). Send our parish an [email to register please](#).

Wednesday 6pm May 12th Parent info session

Sunday 9am May 16th Rite of Enrolment during Sunday 9am Mass

Wednesday 6pm May 19th Family session 1

Wednesday 6pm May 26th Family session 2

Sunday 9am June 6th Presentation of the Creed during Sunday 9am Mass

Wednesday 6pm June 9th Family session 3 & Rehearsal

Wednesday 6pm June 16th Confirmation

Sunday 9am June 20th Thanksgiving Mass for Confirmandeas



Dcn Tuan Anh's Ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd May at 10am** (St Rita), and his Thanksgiving mass on the next day, **Sunday 23rd May at 9am**. **Special registration for the Ordination will be made available in late April.**

The Catholic Leader **April 2021** newspaper is now available for \$4—money box near papers.



It is with great joy that we draw the Call to all Catholics initiative to a close for 2021. We have now had over **400 people** contact us directly to reconnect with their faith, with many others engaging on social media and other ways. Thank you so much for your contribution.



APRIL (no Anointing mass in April)

17 / 18 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 3rd Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am); no baptisms.

21 Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.15pm Alpha program: Week 5 (organised by YYAM for our parish)

23 Friday 9am mass

24 / 25 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 4th Sunday Easter (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) ANZAC Day; Baptisms

Light Up the Dawn driveway initiative

Mark Anzac Day with a moment of private reflection in your driveway or home at 6am on Sunday 25 April.

Find out more on the [RSL Australia website](#).

Commemorative events in Brisbane suburbs

Find an Anzac Day service in your local area by searching for a service on the [RSL Queensland website](#).



Candles 50c or Gold coin donation at each candle stand in the 4 corners of our church.

Archdiocesan Commission on the Liturgy invites you to register for the **Liturgical Musicians' Training Day**.

Date: Saturday 15 May 2021

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Venue: St Laurence's College, South Brisbane
Please click on the link below to view information about the workshops and the presenters, and to select which workshops you wish to attend.

There are also links on this page to purchase either an individual or a group ticket.

<https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/liturgical-musicians-training-day-registration.html>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at acl@bne.catholic.net.au or by phone on (07) 3324 3321.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday. Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc:

0437 388 513

Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au

Planned Giving for the Week of 11th April, 2021

Collection Account numbers have now changed from 1st March	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$756.35	\$180	\$570	Week	\$1,506.35
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100005891	\$382.40	\$135	\$640	4 only	\$1,157.40

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Sunday's Readings: **3rd Sunday Easter First Reading** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Second Reading 1 John 2: 1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world. **Gospel Reading** Luke 24: 35-48 It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Mass times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.
Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [new Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 7th May @ 9am.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th May.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Counters

April 17 / 18 Lenore & Brendon

April 24 / 25 Paul & Cecilia

Ministry	4th Sunday Easter April 24 / 25	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
COMMENTATOR		Ron S	Jana V	Kate P
LECTOR		Anne C	Trish R	Cathy M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Rosemarie Y Collette S	Berenice T-F Yen M	Mike S Yen N
ALTAR SERVER/S		Rodel / Ramil	Gene T-F	Leah S
POWERPOINT		Sydel	Gilbert / John D	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle	Brendon G	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: **4th Sunday Easter**
First Reading Acts 4: 8-12 This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-2 We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18 The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings) (look for the Prayer tab).

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