



**First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33**  
*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11**

**(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 1 Pt 1:17-21**  
*A reading from the first letter of St Peter.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32**

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

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**Gospel Lk 24:13-35**  
*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

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 the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at 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

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Prayer Requests

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

**2nd Reading:** 1 Pt 2:20-25

**Gospel:** Jn 10:1-10

**Sick:** Otis Cowburn, Cathy Dunn (Goulburn), Eleanor Gilfillan, Austin Hoffman, Mary-Rose Hopkins, Warren Markham, Harrison McLachlan, John Ottery, Jen Phillips, Gary Wills and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

**Anniversaries:** Pauline O’Gorman. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Baptisms:** Jimmy Spooner (Greta). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

*Due to Privacy Laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.*

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## MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	J Dries		J Woolley
<b>Commentator</b>		M Ingold	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
<b>Readers</b>	C Harvey C Szumilas	D Lerch	P Boyd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
<b>Prayers</b>		M Ingold	P Boyd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	E Janssen	Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	J & S Stafa	G Wilton		VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		L Gorczyca				

*Faithful and compassionate God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy; hear the prayers we offer, that in the ministry to which you have called us, may we serve you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

## Weekly Mass Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>24 April</b> <i>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	<b>25 April</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>26 April</b> <i>ST MARK, EVANGELIST</i>	<b>27 April</b> <i>St Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	<b>28 April</b> <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	<b>29 April</b> <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	<b>30 April</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<u>8.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>  <u>11.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>Mercy Home</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>10.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>5.30pm</u> <b>Reconciliation</b> <u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.35am</u> <b>Rosary</b> <u>8.15am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>

***St Brigid, St Catherine, St Patrick, and St Paul – pray for us***

# Weekly Notices

## **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

We welcome visitors from all faith communities to our Parish Mass. If you are new members of our Parish, we ask that you take a Welcome Pack from the back of the church, complete and return the Member forms and one of our welcoming team will contact you.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Wonnarua people, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE**

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of trust.

## **Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be CLOSED Tuesday 26 April 2023 and Tuesday 2 May 2023.

## **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to Fr John Tobin for celebrating Mass with our Branxton Parish community at Easter. Fr John has also kindly agreed to say Mass during April and May so there won't be a need to have *Sunday Celebration in Anticipation of the Eucharist* (SCAE). Please make sure you say Hi when you see him!

## **Bishop Visit to Singleton Parish**

Singleton Parishioners are encouraged to mark their diaries for a visit from Bishop Michael Kennedy over the weekend of 9/10/11 June 2023. There will be opportunities to meet with Bishop Michael over the weekend, so stay tuned for more details. A date for Branxton Parish will be set later in the year.

## **Missing Wedding Ring**

A wide gold wedding band in the vicinity of St Patrick's Church. If found, please hand in at the Parish Office.

## **Mission: Transform Lives – Palms Australia**

Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

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## **Print and Pray**

Join us during this Easter period for a day of prayer and printing. On Thursday 27 April at the Corocan Centre, Morpeth, participants will make their own Gelatine printing plate and experience the joys of using this form of mono-printing while engaging in prayerful reflection throughout the day. The printing process is extremely simple, versatile and addictive. It suited for professional or novice craft enthusiasts and children. You will need to bring an apron, morning tea and lunch. Cost: \$25 for materials - participants will take home their own Gelatine printing plate. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/print-and-pray-april-2023-tickets-595247941617>

## **Live Stream Mass from the Cathedral**

Live stream Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/places/live-stream).



## **2024 School Enrolments Now Open**

If you're interested in enrolling your child at a Catholic School for 2024, you should attend one of our open days. Visit [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/open-days/](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/open-days/) for more information.

## **The Chosen Experience – Season 2**

We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine as we view the second season about the life of Christ. The Chosen is a series which brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers. Each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on 27 April at 6pm in the Murray Room.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-tickets-595299666327>

## **Paint and Pray with Mary this May**

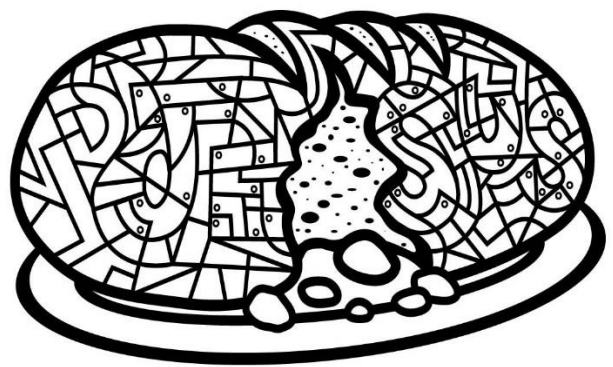
Join us this May as we honour and pray with Mary through the practice of painting and reflection. On Saturday 27 May at Mackillop Centre, Charlestown, participants will be guided step by step to create their own Marian icon and invited into contemplation and prayer through this process. You will need to bring an apron, BYO snacks and drinks for the afternoon. Cost is \$35 for materials; participants will take home their own framed Marian icon. Spaces are limited, booking is essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/paint-and-pray-may-2023-tickets-595235353967>

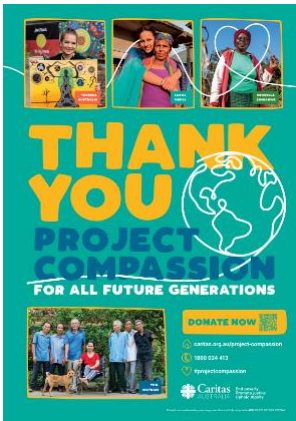
## **Engaging Your Faith**

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Philosophy, Lumen Gentium, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. Cost \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers seeking accreditation.

To register go to: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>



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## REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

### Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

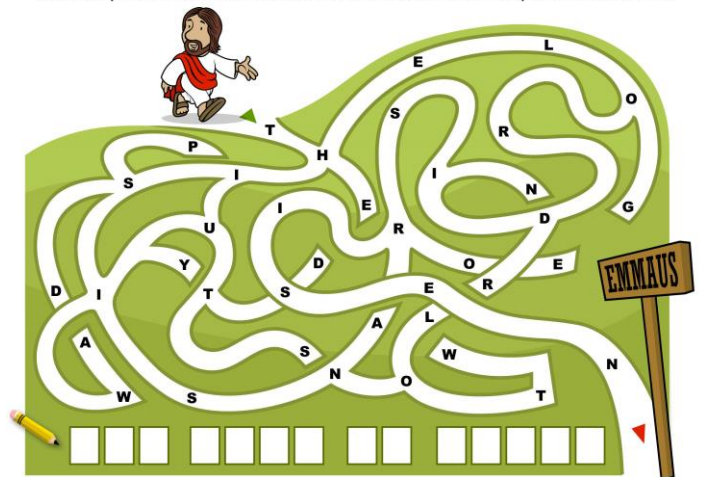
We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.



When Jesus met two of his disciples traveling along the road to Emmaus, they did not recognize him at first. Draw Jesus with the disciples as he explains to them what was written about him in the scriptures.

