



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER [Year A] Sunday 26th April, 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life [Psalm 15]

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21 The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

I HAVE RISEN AND I AM WITH YOU STILL ALLELUIA!! TOO WONDERFUL THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLELLIA!

The Emmaus Story is Our Story Too

The great Desert Mother of the Early Church, Amma Theodora, tells the story of a monk 'who, because of the great number of temptations said, "I will go away from here." As he was putting on his sandals, he saw another man who was also putting on his sandals and this other monk said to him, "is it on my account that you are going away? Because I go before you wherever you are going."'

Like this monk who was attempting to leave his problems behind, only to have them follow him wherever he goes, the two disciples in today's Gospel try to put Jerusalem behind them, with all the hope-crushing events that had just taken place there. 'Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free.' But now, their faces downcast, they try to make sense of what had happened. Yet in the very act of leaving behind their broken hope and disappointment, they are followed by Jesus, who was the source of their broken hope. The irony is that since 'something prevented them from recognising him,' they remained unaware that the source of their broken hope was at once the very fulfilment of that hope! They march on, their hearts burning within them, and as evening falls, they unknowingly welcome the risen Christ to stay with them. Then, something most extraordinary happens. As he breaks the bread, 'their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight.' After all the happenings of that day, they finally catch a glimpse of reality; they catch sight of Jesus, the fulfilment of their hopes and desires amidst the shards of their broken hope. Yet at the very moment they perceive him, he vanishes. Why? Perhaps it's because once you see him, you cannot unsee him. Once you really glimpse him, you can't help but see him everywhere, in all things, and in all situations, for that hope comes to abide in our hearts.

We who live post-Easter, particularly during this Easter season, also have reason for great hope. Though our lives may be filled with real and deep disappointments, wounds, broken hopes, fears, unfulfilled desires, tragedies and heartbreaks, the risen Jesus walks at our side. Do we perceive him? Or has something prevented us from recognising him? Know that the story of the early disciples is our story, and that even while our faces are still downcast, the only one who can possibly fulfill our hopes is already right there present. Like the monk who attempted to flee from his problems, only to be followed by them, we must stay put. For we already have what we need to get through these difficult times, and he probably already abides somewhere in your heart!

Many Blessings as we journey together.....Father Tom



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Sr Kathleen Carroll RSJ (sister of Marie Carroll), Norman Fechner, Carmel King, Lilian Bookham, William (Bill) Milne and those who have died from Covid 19 in Australia and beyond. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Reginald Missen, Fred & Fay Betros.



Congratulations to **Michael O'Leary and Allana Morris** who celebrated their wedding last weekend!



✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Helen Hoddle and all those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

EMMAUS

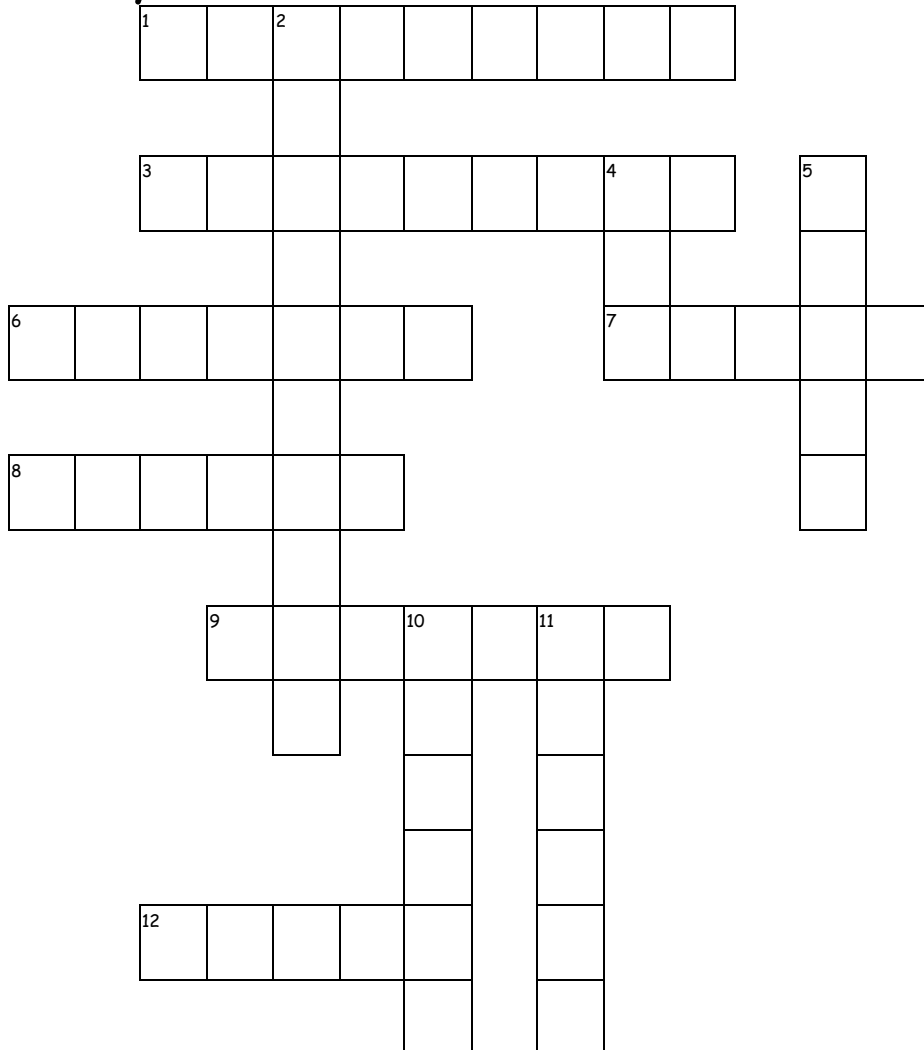
Their backs were turned to Jerusalem the memories of that Friday too bitter. There was nothing to hold them now. They had hoped – even that was cause for sour taste. They'd given him their time left villages and families to follow; and what hurt most they'd given him their hearts. His words were strange but they had known his friendship and learned to trust even to love. But now! They walked on and he joined them. The dry dust of their journey and their hearts clouded their vision. Weighed down with loss, betrayal, fear they did not see he travelled with them. Even when he spoke recalling a history they still did not perceive. Their blind journey continued to Emmaus and could have gone beyond but for a word – a simple shattering word of invitation. 'Stay with us. The darkness is upon us.' And in the shared darkness their eyes were opened and their broken hearts healed. In memory of him became Eucharist and life to be shared with others. Surely this is Easter – not once a past event but in the darkness of our journey finding a God walking the dark ways with us into dawn.



CROSSWORD

They knew it was Jesus when he broke bread

Lk 24:13-35



Across

- 1: vanish
- 3: Israel's holy city
- 6: one of the disciples going to Emmaus
- 7: Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus _ _
_ _ _ days after he died
- 8: Jesus joined two of his disciples on the
road
to this town
- 9: saviour
- 12: a place where people live

Down

- 2: sacred texts
- 4: to consume food
- 5: the two disciples knew who Jesus was when
he broke what?
- 10: to experience pain or distress
- 11: some women saw a vision of these at
Jesus' tomb

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)

Opening Hymn: Canticle of the Sun

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come,
play in the field, and sing,
sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays,
the moon and the stars,
who light up the way un-to your throne.
2. Praise to the fire, who gives us his light,
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night,
he dances with joy,
his spirit so bright, he sings of you.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to
people of good will. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O
God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father.

AMEN.

Psalm: (Sung) Lord, You will show us the path of life.

Alleluia Verse (said) Lord, Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love
when you speak

Reflection Hymn: Violin played by Aylish Ryan.

Recessional Hymn: I'll Be Always Loving You.

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

***Refrain: Where ever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.***

Let me love the world through your heart.
Let me heal your wounds with my touch.

Let me see your world through your eyes.
Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
AMEN.