



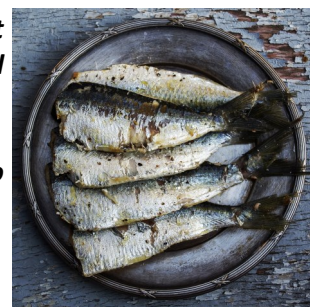
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

In the weeks after Easter, a time we call the Easter season, we are made aware yet again, that Easter is more than a season; it should be a way of life.

In order to witness effectively to God, we must have faith in God. The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Christian faith.

Celebrating Easter is more than belief; it involves action on our part. If we really believe that Christ is risen and among us, it will be reflected tangibly in how we live. It may be expressed differently in each of us, but it will be evident.

The message of the Resurrection, offered by a crucified and risen Saviour, is a challenge to take in and live out.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

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3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	18th Apr 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	20th Apr 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	25th Apr 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	2nd May 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

As our capacity is still well below the number of congregants, we had attending services pre-COVID **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**

Book via the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or click on the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office between 9am & 2pm Weekdays.

When you come to Mass or Liturgy please be aware that the **NSW Government requires you to check in** and asks that those who are able to check in with a QR code do so.

It is highly recommended that Face Masks should be worn by those in Places of Worship, on Public Transport, and those Carpooling.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537 .

BULLETIN REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 2021

In the weeks after Easter, a time we call the Easter season, we are made aware, that Easter is more than a season; and that it should be a way of life.

It is appropriate that we occasionally travel back to our roots, to appreciate our ancestors who helped form the Church, to learn from their insights and accomplishments, as well as from their struggles and failures.

Many of us have traced our physical roots. Websites like ancestry .com, help us to examine the branches and leaves of our family tree.

Some searches affirm what we already know; others uncover some unexpected surprises. By learning about who we came from, we can gain a better sense of who we are.

When we undertake the challenge of tracing our spiritual roots, we are blessed with mentors whose efforts can reacquaint us with those who have gone before us in faith. This month, Luke provides a window through which we can observe the early church.

Luke illustrates how the second and third generations of believers attempted to live life in Jesus after his Resurrection. They came to realise that it was their responsibility to carry the good news to the ends of the earth, discriminating against no one, welcoming all, sharing the gifts of God's love and mercy, with whomever God placed in their way

They relied on one another for strength and support, and when conflicts came, they faced them together, all the while under the auspices of the Holy Spirit.

Each Easter season, we trace our spiritual roots to these good people to learn anew who we are called to be.

When today's older Catholics were young, almost everything learned about the faith was in catechisms. These learning tools were intended to describe our faith in ways beginners would understand, memorise, and repeat.

Catechisms were constructed in a question/answer format. They were successful learning tools with a measurable outcome, but in retrospect they had at least one flaw. They referred to the Bible but seldom quoted the words of the Bible.

The Second Vatican Council restored the Bible to its place as the primary source of all theology and tradition. Pope John XXIII reassured us that the truth of the Gospel had not changed, but that our understanding of it was growing.

If we take nothing else with us from April's scriptures, let it be this. **"That the command to love, is, as Jesus loved".**

This excludes anything that goes against love: war; violence; discrimination about race, religion, political differences, age, gender, sexual orientation.

How radically might the world be transformed if we were to take Jesus at his word: **"Love one another as I love you!"** John France

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR MASSES AND LITURGIES

If you are able to help out or continue to help out either doing ministries such as Reading, AV, etc. or COVID Safety Team during May, June and July please fill out an expression of interest by clicking on the button online at : <https://www.vianneymorisset.org/positions-vacant> or forms can be found at the back of the church.

DIVERSITY CELEBRATED AT REFUGEE HUB LAUNCH

'Everyone Belongs' was the theme of this year's Harmony Week, and nowhere was this sentiment more evident than at the official launch of CatholicCare's new Refugee Hub.

SARAH JAMES PUBLISHED APRIL 13, 2021

Bringing together refugees, volunteers and our Diocese community, the event was the embodiment of joy as attendees shared and bonded over the unique facets of their culture.

The new Church Street Hub houses CatholicCare Refugee Hub and CatholicCare Food Programs, as well as aspects of CatholicCare's SIL program.

Team Leader for CatholicCare's Social Justice Programs, Mirja Colding-Moran, described Harmony Week as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

"Families supported by Refugee Hub come from a wide range of backgrounds, including Syrian, Kurdish, Afghani, Congolese, Rwandan, Iranian, Iraqi, Tibetan, Vietnamese, Sudanese and many others. This event was an opportunity for our families to connect and share some of their cultural heritage with each other as well as with staff and volunteers," Mirja said.

"As part of the celebrations, we tasted delicious traditional multicultural afternoon tea treats made by our families. For instance, there was Congolese doughnuts called Mandazi, Syrian biscuits, Egyptian baklava and even a cake decorated as the Kurdish flag! We played bocce and a Swedish game called Kubb. We watched and participated in singing, dancing and drumming sessions. One participant in the SIL program performed a beautifully sung version of 'Let it Be', we had few joyful Syrian karaoke performances and one of our Kurdish participants even did a rendition of Australian hip hop! It was lovely to see all the smiles on our guests' faces as they shared and enjoyed each other's contributions across cultural, religious and language barriers. Being able to share culture is a great way to build confidence, restore a sense of identity and increase wellbeing for our participants."

APRIL AURORA

Copies are available at the back of the church or online at : <https://mnnews.today/aurora/>

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE AND INDONESIAN FLOODS EMERGENCY APPEAL

On 4 April 2021, Tropical Cyclone Seroja struck Timor-Leste and eastern parts of Indonesia, triggering torrential rain and flash flooding. The floods swept away homes and destroyed roads, with parts of the Timor-Leste capital, Dili, now under water.

At least 157 people in Timor-Leste and Indonesia have already lost their lives. The death toll is expected to rise, with information still filtering through from the more remote regions of Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste is also facing a COVID-19 crisis, with Dili under lockdown following a rise in locally acquired cases. Indonesia has also struggled to contain the spread of COVID-19, with over 1.5 million confirmed cases – the highest in South East Asia. The flood will heighten the risk of community transmission, with thousands of displaced residents forced to seek shelter together in close quarters inside evacuation centres.

Approximately 13,000 people have been affected by the floods and landslides, including more than 10,000 in Timor-Leste.

Caritas Australia are calling for donations so they can provide urgent, emergency support to communities in Timor-Leste and Indonesia devastated by the floods. Your donation means our partners on the ground can help provide clean water, food, hygiene kits and shelter to those who need it most.

For more information on how you can help, visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/timor-leste-and-indonesian-floods-emergency-appeal/>.

FRIED RICE AMONG THE GUM TREES

"Where is Australia?" That was the question Sister Lucie asked herself when she was approached more than 12 years ago as a nun for The Immaculate Heart of Mary to relocate from Vietnam.

ALEXANDER FOSTER PUBLISHED APRIL 14, 2021

Despite limited travel experience, Sister Lucie not only moved to a foreign country but has managed to find a home away from home in Australia. She passes on her knowledge of Vietnamese culture to some of our younger residents through her work at St Nicholas OOSH Glendale. "It is a joy for me to be able to share Vietnamese culture with the children," she says.

Sister Lucie has shown off her national costume and brings to life events such as the Moon Festival and Lunar New Year.

"But Vietnamese food is one of my favourite things to share with the children," Sister Lucie says.

"I have had the opportunity to cook Vietnamese cuisine with the children during vacation care, including spring rolls and fried rice.

"Cooking and eating together has been a lot of fun for us." Please enjoy Sister Lucie's delicious Vietnamese fried rice; a simple recipe you can cook with your children at home which can be found at: <https://mnnews.today/aurora/april-2021/fried-rice-among-the-gum-trees/>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ART MAKING.

\$10 cost covers all art materials used on the day. Participants will need to bring their own lunch on the day. Artworks will become part of the Social Justice art exhibition/competition held on July 17 at the Veritas Centre Mayfield.

Dates:

- Wednesday April 28, 9.30am-2.30pm: St Columban's Hall, Church St, Mayfield
- Thursday April 29, 9.30am-2.30pm: Catholic Parish Office, Unit 5/16 Cambridge St, Singleton
- Friday April 30, 9.30am-2.30pm: Community Centre St Joseph's Parish Kilaben Bay, 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto
- Monday May 3, 9.30am-2.30pm: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 33 Lake St, Forster

To register to go: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/social-justice-art-workshop-tickets-145391039513>

For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

CARITAS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The Caritas Autumn newsletter is now available online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/our-magazine/>.

Check out their latest news and stories from overseas and in Australia.

THE SEE JUDGE ACT SMALL GROUP

Will gather in the Callinan Centre on Thursday 22nd. April at 9.30 am. for appr. 40 mins. The focus of our SJA will be the coming Sundays Gospel.

The Gospel text is of the 4th Sunday of Easter and is the Gospel of John 10:11-18. The first reading of the Sunday Liturgy is always chosen to complement the Gospel of the day. Reading this may assist in your reflection upon the Gospel prior to our gathering.

Any inquiries of interest about the SJA group, please contact Fr. Kevin

SOCIAL JUSTICE ART WORKSHOP – EXHIBITION

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE 2020-2021 STATEMENT, TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL: MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

Provides the opportunity to better understand mental illness and how as social beings we need the bonds of family, friends and the broader community to celebrate the joys and hopes of life.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres. Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement must accompany the work and be emailed through to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au before June 19 2021.

REFLECTION DAYS WITH BISHOP BILL

As we move closer to Session Two of Synod, you are invited to listen and contemplate as Bishop Bill reflects on:

**Francis's vision of our future Church
our Australian experience
future possibilities.**

The two-hour presentation will include questions for dialogue and afternoon tea/supper.

Bishop Bill will present his reflection in a variety of locations across the Diocese, repeated both before and after Mass. Attendees can choose which reflection session they would prefer to attend. Registration before the day is essential. **To register go to: <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/get-involved/reflection-days-with-bishop-bill/>**

In each location

Reflection 1 will occur between 2.30pm-4.30pm

Mass will be held between 5pm-5.30pm

Reflection 2 will occur between 6pm-8pm

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally. Follow [mnews.today](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT MARK— 26TH APRIL

SAINT PETER CHANEL— 28TH APRIL

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA— 29TH APRIL

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES— 3RD MAY

SAINT MATTHIAS— 14TH MAY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD— 16TH MAY

PENTECOST— 23RD MAY

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS— 24TH MAY

SAINT PHILIP NERI— 26TH MAY

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Ralph McKelvie, Bev Loft, Bill Eckersley, Bruce Gillett, Joan Gillett Robert Jay, Matthew & Terezia Dunstan, Michelle Clipsham, Mark Patrick, Colin Aspinall, Fr Paul O'Neill, Helen Martin, Therese Strategos.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Redding, Noel Maloney

Remembrance: Frances Bristow



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a **family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered** please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office. **All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**



<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	K Lendon	K Amon
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	J Vipan	L McRae
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	J Vipan	L McRae
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	V Paulo
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	T Alexanader	M Foo
<u>SOUND/ Vid-EO:</u>	9.30	J France	G Hutchinson L Hutchinson
<u>SIGN IN</u>	9.30	J Hutchins	H White
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	M Foo	T Alexander
<u>USHER</u>	9.30	J Douglas	R Hay
<u>COMMUNION USHERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team





LITURGY MATTERS: *Mysta what?*

While society thinks Easter is over, we Christians know that it has only just begun. We have a church given mandate to celebrate (party) for 50 days, right up to Pentecost Sunday. So, what are you and your faith community doing to maintain the celebration?!

LOUISE GANNON RSJ PUBLISHED APRIL 12, 2021

The central question is, “How does a faith community celebrate or party for 50 days?” The manner of that celebration is inscribed in the liturgy, beginning with the Easter Triduum – with its highpoint, in what the church officially calls ‘the mother of all vigils’ – and unfolding Sunday by

Sunday through the Easter Season right up to and including Pentecost. And I kid you not, that is how the documents refer to the Easter Vigil!

When we gather every year to celebrate Easter liturgically – whether in the whole three-part Triduum, part of it, or Easter Sunday Mass – we are participating with Christ in his death and resurrection. We die and we rise with him. Our celebration inscribes this dying-rising pattern of God’s love deep within our minds and hearts.

Because God’s ways are so far beyond our ways, this ‘inscribing’ can be difficult. And so the whole 50 days of the Easter Season is given over to a liturgical intensive on Christ’s death and resurrection, driving the ‘inscription’ into our bones and muscle memory, so that the dying-rising pattern of God’s love becomes the instinctual pattern of our daily lives.

This is where the term ‘mystagogy’ comes in. The title of this piece echoes a common response when people hear or read the term for the first time. ‘Mysta what?’ In mystagogy we open ourselves to be formed by and learn from experience, most importantly from the experience of Sunday Mass.

In taking time to reflect on Christ present in all the symbols and ritual actions, in word and sacrament, we deepen our awareness of being immersed into the life of Christ, and our appreciation of what it means for everyday life and our ongoing conversion. The meanings we discover through the process of mystagogy work their way into our bones and muscle memory because they are meanings revealed to us in our experience of God’s paschal love in the liturgy.

The period of Easter Mystagogy (also known as post baptismal catechesis) is focused on the newly baptised who for the first twelve months are known as neophytes and hold a special place within the community. However, Easter Mystagogy is as much about the whole parish community. We journey together through this liturgical intensive, learning from and being inspired by each other.

The following quote from neophyte Mary is an example of how deeply mystagogy unites experience and truth.

‘When I tried to rub off the globs of oil running down my cheeks and, on my body, I realised what I had just done. I can’t rub it off, but I can rub it in. I can’t even wash it off – that really is what this is all about isn’t it? I belong to God, signed, sealed and delivered!’

As someone whose baptism was a long time ago, I am always deeply inspired, firstly by the experience of participating in the initiation of the neophytes, and then by their reflections and insights shared with us through the easter Season.

Hopefully parishes are making the most of these early mystagogical days this Easter Season. As we continue our synodal journey, reflecting on the meaning of our life as a diocesan community, seeking to build the Kingdom of God together, the Easter Season presents us with an invaluable built-in opportunity to attune ourselves to the dying-rising presence of God and discern its meaning for our lives. Let’s not miss it.

After Pentecost, when the party is over, we move back into Ordinary Time where our life in Christ continues to be nourished in the normal rhythm of gathering as a community for Sunday Mass. In the church’s mind and vision, the process of mystagogy continues in a slightly different way as the parish community accompanies its seekers, catechumens and candidates for full communion.

And the last word goes to Betty, another neophyte:

I never knew how hungry I was, It was all so wonderful: the music, the stories, the word, the sharing, the people! For weeks I was becoming hungrier and hungrier. I thought the day would never come. I never really understood what true hunger meant before now. I know it now, because I know what it means to be filled.

How does a faith community celebrate for 50 days? By accompanying each other in mystagogical reflection, particularly on our liturgical experience of Christ’s dying-rising presence. We are all mystagogues. How comfortable are you with that description? Give it a go. Reflect on your last liturgical experience using the following process: remember the liturgy and reflect on the questions:

- What happened? (Recollection)
- What did you notice? What was most engaging? (Reflection)
- What does it mean? What are you learning? (Catechesis)
- Why does it matter to you/us? (Connection)
- How will you live differently as a result of what God is revealing to you in this experience? (Conversion)
- You could also gather a group and try it.

Acknowledgements

Quotes from Birmingham, Mary. Year – Round Catechumenate. Chicago IL, Liturgy Training Publications, 2003, 2002. p. 121

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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Sunday 18 Apr 2021

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

A short hymn might be sung.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ
who has redeemed us
and raised us to new life.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.

United with the whole Church,
we celebrate the joy of Easter
and keep this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you open our minds to hear your word: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the sacrifice that takes our sins away: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you fill us with your gift of peace: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. What elements of this passage do you find surprising, challenging or comforting?

Q. What message do you take from Jesus' words, 'Peace be with you!'?

Q. Why do you think the gospel writer emphasises the 'physical' nature of Jesus' resurrection?

Q. Where do you see a 'literal' interpretation of scripture being applied today?

Q. Why is a deeper 'understanding' of scripture important?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Sisters and brothers, through Christ's word in the scriptures, we bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, will remain a faithful teacher of the Gospel.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments will support aid agencies to provide justice and food for the poor.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those suffering serious injury may be granted healing and peace in the risen Lord.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may bear witness to the suffering and rising of Christ in all we do.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be healed with peace, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will share in the true presence of God forever, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, your word in the scriptures burns in our hearts. Hear our prayers and help us to understand your word by opening our minds to Christ's suffering and salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

Through the resurrection of his Son
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May the Lord bless us with joy
and fill us with fruits of the Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life. Alleluia.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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