

Fr Alo writes . . .

BE A GOOD HOST

(Luke 24:13-35)

We are all familiar with the story of the two disciples of Jesus on their way to Emmaus, who are frustrated with the fact that their master Jesus was crucified. My past reflections and homilies on this story, were always focused on how Jesus was trying to make them aware of his presence, and yet they were so slow to understand those signs and his words.

In my reflection this weekend, the focus is still on Jesus, but I would like to explore some good attitudes of the disciples. I would like to begin by imagining the feelings they carried along with them on their journey. Probably they were sad, disappointed, hopeless, helpless, no future, wasting time to be with Jesus for few years, etc. In the midst of their frustration they still showed good things. *First*, they would like to go in pairs, so that they can help one another in that very difficult situation. *Secondly*, they were able to express their desire and disappointment with a “stranger Jesus” and *thirdly*, they showed their hospitality and generosity by inviting Jesus to stay with them. In short, we could say that even though they were so distressed, they still could show their very best to others.

We are also in a difficult situation caused by the corona virus pandemic. We can be very frustrated, but we should keep convincing ourselves that we are good people. In the middle of distress, maybe we need to find someone to talk to and be open up to as much as we can. That will help us to understand our own frustration; and BE A GOOD HOST for Jesus. In times when you are at home, invite him to listen to you, and even during meal time, invite him to have meal with you. He will certainly bring you joy, enthusiasm and hope for a better future.

Have a blessed Sunday.



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FACEBOOK

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/OLRKenso/> or type “Our Lady of Rosary Church” in the search bar at the top of the page. Don’t forget to click the “Like” button to receive updates from our Facebook page.

WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code below with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name requesting to join.



Responses

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

1 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

Luke 24: 13-35

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Oremus

Let us Pray

SICK

Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj,
Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella,
Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family,
David Lai, Gavin Robertson, John Roberts, Chris (Cindy's
husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum),
Geoffrey Karpin, Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara,
John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/ HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter,
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Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Gwen Smith,
Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin,
Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Dennis Ryan, Anthony O'Donnell, Danny Sullivan,
Brigid Ada Moon

ANNIVERSARIES

Glen Kilmurray, Lionel Bowen, Alma Whittingham,
Desleigh Carlton

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are at home alone and trying to avoid being out and about, we are here to help you. We can arrange delivery of basic needs such as groceries or medications. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Alo if you require any assistance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sydney Archdiocesan Council
Kingsford Community Support Centre | Level 2, 1A Meeks Street KINGSFORD NSW 2032
If you are in need of emergency assistance please call on 9662 7380.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

For those wishing to continue their contributions to the parish by electronic funds transfer, the church bank account details are as follows: - Account Name: Kensington Parish Merchant Clearing Account | BSB: 062 784 | Account No: 4250100 | Reference as follows: 1st Collection - "First", 2nd Collection - "Second" and Envelope Collection - "Surname & Planned Giving Number" (eg Smith123).

Please contact the Parish Office for alternative ways to continue your contributions.
Thank you for your ongoing support of Fr Alo and the Parish.

Collections– 18/19 April 2020

1st Collection	\$1,170
2nd Collection	\$410
Envelope Collection	\$1,870
Project Compassion	\$150
Raise the Roof	\$2,000


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With
POPE FRANCIS

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09:00AM AEST
07:00AM AWST
09:30AM ACST


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03:55PM AEST
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04:25PM ACST

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09:30PM ACST




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ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIVE MASS

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and in the search bar type St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Click St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find "Upcoming live streams" to watch live streams of Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Archdiocese of Sydney has this week decided to temporarily halt printing **The Catholic Weekly**. It will however, continue to be published online so that you can stay informed with developments on all local, national, and international Catholic news. Visit their website: www.catholicweekly.com.au to keep up to date.

CATHOLICCARE

CatholicCare's "CCareline" is ensuring practical support, counselling and other services are provided by local communities or online as needed, especially for those who are isolated, anxious or financially insecure; CCareline can be contacted on 13 18 19 by/for anyone needing assistance during the current emergency.

Do you have a PROJECT COMPASSION Box, Envelope or Cash that you need to hand in so we can help others at this difficult time? We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your Project Compassion boxes, envelopes or cash, to parishes or schools at this time. Here are some options and steps that may assist you.



- **Remittance online**

Please count the cash you have in your boxes and envelopes and go online at "lent.caritas.org.au" and securely donate with your credit card. Every dollar we receive, thanks to your generosity, makes a positive difference in other people's lives.

- **Send a cheque**

Alternatively, you can send a cheque for the amount of cash you have counted to; Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830, Sydney NSW 2001.

- **Bank your cash**

You can securely bank your cash via online transfer, or at a branch using the following bank account details

Please call us 1800 024 413 on the below number and we can assist with our bank account number. BSB-062 217 | A/C NO. 1007 2446 | A/C Name - Caritas Australia | Ref. DonorIDPC. Please include your Donor ID with "PC" in the reference. If you don't know your Donor ID, please use your last name.

- **Can't leave home? Call us**

If you have cash in Project Compassion Boxes, or envelopes, and are unable to leave your residence, and are unable to access online banking or donation, please call the friendly team at Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413 and let us know.



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End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

*"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things, with great love"*
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE EMERGENCY CASH APPEAL

During COVID-19 many refugees and people seeking asylum living in Sydney need help to prevent them from becoming homeless or destitute. For many of these men, women and children the Jesuit Refugee Service is their only safety net. To donate to the Jesuit Refugee Service Emergency Cash Appeal please call (02) 9356 3888 or email: jrsreception@jrs.org.au.

URGENT APPEAL

Donations of personal hygiene products are urgently sought for Care Packages being put together for the thousands of seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters.

Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations of shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates are desperately needed for the thousands of seamen currently stranded on ships on our waterfront due to the Coronavirus.

Sr Mary has spent the past 20 years of her life helping those who earn a living on the seas and said she has never seen conditions so dire.

Parishes including St Andrew Malabar, St Charles Borromeo Ryde/ Gladesville and Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda have agreed to be drop-off points for the donations.

PETITION

As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, people seeking protection and migrants in vulnerable situations have been left with no safety net. Our government has excluded them from all support packages and we have seen the devastating effects on the community on a daily basis. Please join us by signing and sharing the Catholic petition to leave no one behind during the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.change.org/nooneleftbehind>.

VIRTUAL PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual pilgrimage which begins on **Sunday 26 April** and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from world renowned Catholic scholars and leaders will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

PRAYER RESOURCES

On the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) website you will find dedicated prayer resources page - <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>.
CAS update the website daily.



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PRAYER TO *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart* DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
you accompany us in our life-long journey.
You are a sign of hope and salvation for us
through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.
As the people of the world and our country attempt
to cope with the spread of Coronavirus and
other world-threatening infections, we entrust ourselves to you.
You were near the side of Jesus
as he suffered and died for us on the cross.
Now be near your people as we face
the test of our health and well-being.
You know what we need and we trust that you
will intercede for us to safeguard us at the time.
As at Cana in Galilee, you asked your son to come
to the aid of the newly wedded couple so now ask Jesus
to come to our aid and send his life healing Spirit upon us.
We believe that Jesus has taken upon himself
our sufferings through his death on the cross.
May he now bring us through the power of the cross
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Our Lady of the Sacred heart
we seek refuge under your patronage.
Deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.



KEEPING THE FAITH

Helping families stay connected

As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free of charge.

CathFamily has a vast library of free resources for families, schools and parishes that celebrates Catholic culture. The free weekly eNews lists seasonal resources including downloadable prayers, feast day celebrations, recipes, craft, articles and links to other helpful resources. Visitors can search and browse our thousands of posts or take advantage of our eNews to triage the most relevant content for the week.

Children's Sunday Liturgy @ Home

CathKids is a weekly interactive experience designed for primary aged children that includes a short animated video on the Sunday reading, 'I wonder' questions, craft activities and prayers. CathKids has a modest subscription fee but due to the situation with COVID19 we are offering this resource FREE for the next 3 months.

Visit CathFamily website for more details
<https://cathfamily.org>



CathFamily is an initiative of the Parish & Marriage Resource Centre and is dedicated to providing families with resources to create a faith-filled Catholic culture in the home.



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Light up the dawn for Anzac Day

This Anzac Saturday, for the first time in its 93 year history, there will be no dawn service for people to observe together. However, we can still honour the memory of the brave soldiers and service people that sacrificed their lives for our country.

As an alternative to the dawn service; The RSL has proposed we stand outside our driveway, at 5:55am, for a minutes silence. We ask all in the Majellan family, light a candle, and think of a prayer for all the Anzac's, as we stand silently in remembrance.

Many of the fallen heroes were young, and never had the chance for families of their own. Australia was deprived of the men these soldiers would have grown to be; Fathers, Builders, Doctors, Artists, Leaders, their loss for future generations is incalculable, and we will always feel that void. That is why we will remember them, lest we forget.

DAWN SERVICE - AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the Memorial will hold a private, nationally televised Anzac Day commemorative service. This service will be held in the Commemorative Area and Hall of Memory at 5.00am on Anzac Day. The traditional Dawn Service, National Ceremony and veterans' march will not take place.

The event will not be open to the public but will be broadcast live across Australia by the ABC and streamed online.

Please refer to the [Australian War Memorial](https://www.awm.gov.au/) website and the Memorial's social media channels for updates.
Broadcast Time: 5.00am.



KIDSCHURCH

Easter 3

YEAR A

The Road to Emmaus

THE WORD

Two disciples were walking to Emmaus when Jesus joined them but they did not recognise him. As they walked, Jesus explained the scriptures to them. When they came to Emmaus, they asked him to stay. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and said a blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him.

Acts 24:13-27; 1 Cor 10:17-21; 1 Jn 1:7-9

LOOK CLOSER

Word and Meal. Just like the Emmaus story, the Mass has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word comes first and invites us to listen to the scriptures and hear them explained just as Jesus did. It prepares us to celebrate the second part of the Mass - the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is where we remember what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper; here the bread and wine are transformed into Jesus' body and blood.

PRAYER SPACE

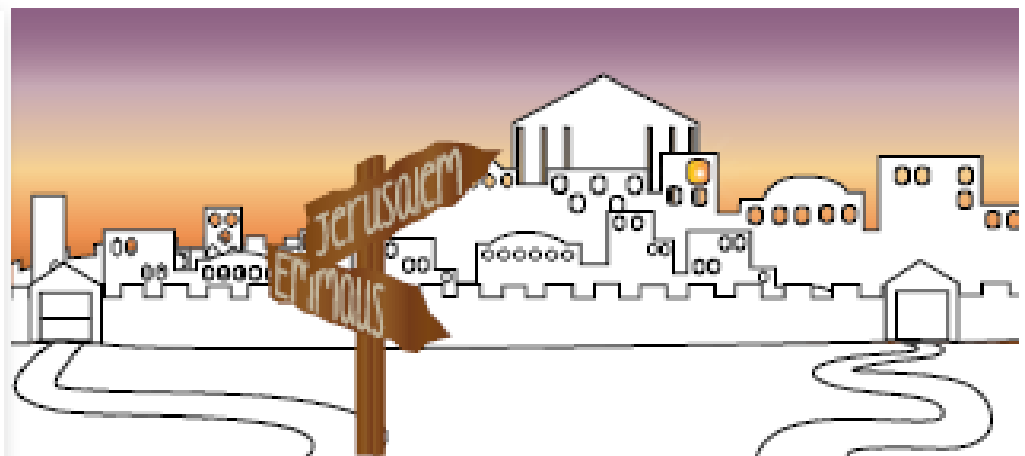
Symbol: Bible, bread, wine

Jesus, you reveal yourself in the breaking of the bread. Help us to recognise you in our lives. Amen.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

In the 1800s, people with leprosy (including children) in Hawaii were sent to an isolated island called Molokai. Effectively abandoned by everyone, a Belgian Priest, Fr Damien volunteered to go to the island. He worked tirelessly caring for the sick, building schools and hospitals as well as providing the sacraments. He refused to hold his people at arms length and eventually got leprosy himself. He was canonised in 2009 and had a movie made about his life in 1999.



After the disciples realised it was Jesus, they said: "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures?" Find out what Jesus had told them by changing each letter to the one before it in the alphabet.

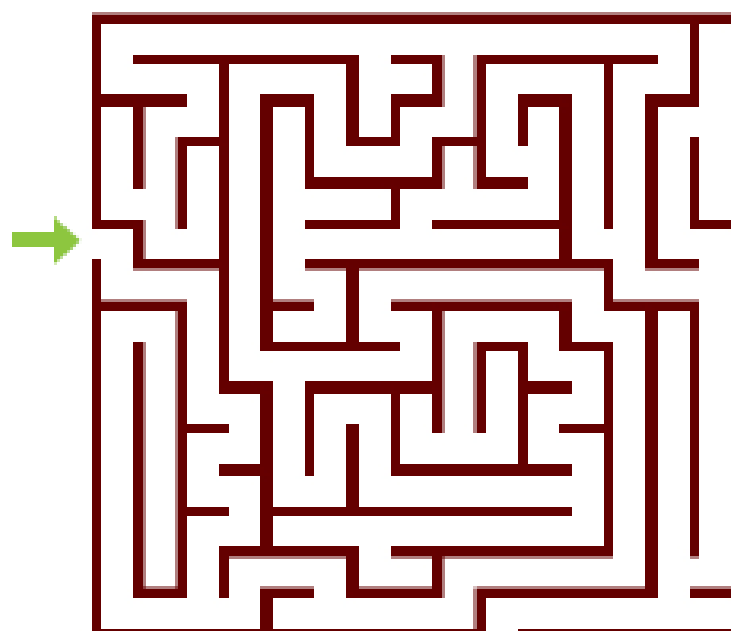


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BCPVU IJNTFMG JO BMM UIF

TDSJQUVSFT



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Lk 24:13-35

My name is

Jesus is always with us

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



How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

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.

