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## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**18th & 19th April 2026**

### **The Journey to Emmaus – A Path from Disappointment to New Life**

The Gospel story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most moving accounts of human disappointment transformed by divine encounter. These two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem—the place of promise, community, and mission. Their steps were heavy with discouragement. They had placed their hopes in Jesus, but after His suffering and death, their faith seemed shattered. They were leaving behind not only the city but also the message, the mission, and the community that had once given them purpose.

Yet, it is precisely on this road of disappointment that Jesus chooses to walk with them. The risen Lord does not wait for them to return in perfect faith. He meets them where they are—confused, hurting, and uncertain. Though they had journeyed with Him before, eaten with Him, prayed with Him, and witnessed His miracles, they could not recognize Him in His risen glory. This reminds us that even in our own lives, the presence of Christ can be hidden, especially when our hearts are weighed down by fear or sorrow.

As Jesus walked with them, He opened the Scriptures, explaining how His suffering, death, and resurrection were part of God's saving plan. Something began to change within them. They later described it as their hearts burning within them. The fire of faith that had faded was rekindled by the Word of God. This is the power of Scripture: it awakens hope, restores meaning, and reminds us of God's faithfulness.

The turning point comes when Jesus breaks bread with them. In that simple, sacred action—taking, blessing, breaking, and giving—their eyes are opened. They recognize Him. The Eucharist becomes the moment of revelation. What they could not see on the road, they now see clearly in the breaking of the bread. This is true for us as well. Each time we gather for the Holy Eucharist, Christ opens our eyes. In the Word proclaimed and, in the Bread, broken, the risen Lord becomes present to us. Our hearts are set aflame again, and we are strengthened to face the challenges ahead.

The disciples who once walked away from Jerusalem now run back with renewed courage and joy. Encountering the risen Christ transforms their despair into mission. They return to the community they had abandoned, ready to share the good news: "The Lord has truly risen."

Like the disciples, we too may experience moments when our faith feels dim or our hope grows weak. But Christ continues to walk with us, especially through the Eucharist and the Scriptures. He meets us on our own roads to Emmaus and opens our eyes to new life and new hope.

May our hearts burn within us as we listen to His Word, and may our eyes be opened each time we receive Him in the breaking of the bread.

**Readings for this week (18th & 19th April)**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33**

**It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11**

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

**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: Luke 24:32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

**They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.**

**Readings for next week (25th & 26th April)**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41**

**God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25**

**You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10**

**Family Mass**

Family Mass' are to recommence starting Sunday the 26th  
of April

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, D Wilde, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Jenette Escrit, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Rogers, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt, Lynette Wallace & Janine Monteath.

*We remember and pray for those who have recently died,  
Patricia Mary Cuddihy (28/03/2026)  
Cecil Window (10/04/2026)*

*and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

*James S. Cuddihy (23rd of April)*

*Jan Murphy (20/04/2021)*

*Eileen Ann Ward (22nd of April)*

*Peggy Seidenspinner (15th April)*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



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**Anzac Day Mass, Saturday April 25th 2026, 8am.**

We pray for all those who lost their lives, and thank them for their selfless service.

Lest we forget.

Every year at Centacare's DFV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

## CONFIRMATION

### Children in Yr 3 or above who have been Baptised

**1. Parent meeting: Tuesday April 28th 5:30pm Place: St Mary's Church**

### **2. Compulsory Weekend Mass Attendance**

**Mass must be attended over all three weekends.**

**Weekend 1: Saturday May 2nd 6.30pm Mass**

**or Sunday May 3rd at 9.30am Enrolment Masses**

**Weekend 2 Saturday May 9th at 6:30pm or Sunday May 10th at 9:30 am Mass or 5:30 pm Mass**

**Weekend 3. Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Mass or Sunday May 17th at 9:30 am Mass **Receive The Creed****

**Lessons: Tuesdays 1. May 5th 2. May 12th 3. May 19th, -4:pm at Prep Classroom St Mary's School**

**Workshop: Friday May 22nd at 4:00pm at St Mary's Church.**

**Confirmation: Receive Sacrament Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am mass.**

## **Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal**

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.

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## **Holy Spirit Seminary**

This year we ask you to pray for the nineteen seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary, on their journey to priestly ministry.

Through their slow journey they are sustained by the knowledge that God's people are praying for them by name. This knowledge is not a small thing, it can be steady, providing that small push to strengthen these seminarian's resolves and persevere.

We invite you to pray for each of these men by name, using the Holy Spirit Seminary prayer calendars. Every intercession matters.



# **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

26 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



## **Money Counters — April**

5th—Trish, 12th—Colleen, 19th—Peter, 27th—Colleen

**Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the Catholic Church or join our faith community?**

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or email:

[stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Mass Times: 20th-26th April**

*Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm — 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.*

*Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068*

<u>Monday 20th</u>	<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd</u>	<u>Friday 24th</u>	<u>Saturday 25th</u>	<u>Sunday 26th</u>
No mass	Beaudesert	<u>22nd</u>	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Tambourine Mt
	5:30pm	Tamborine Mt	7:00am	9:00am	ANZAC Day Mass	7:30am
		9:00am			8:00am	Beaudesert
		Beaudesert			Mass	Mass
		Adoration			6:30pm	9:30am
		4:30pm				Family Mass
		Mass				5:30pm
		5:30pm				

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'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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