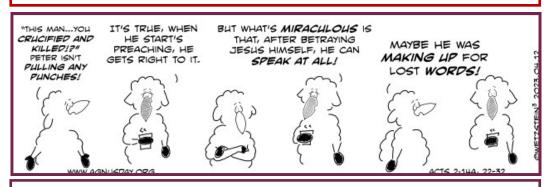


This coming week on Tuesday our Nation commemorates Anzac Day. We as a Parish will acknowledge our fallen brothers and sisters next Sunday 30th of April. On the day, Tuesday 25th April, we encourage you to attend the local commemoration service at Bulimba Memorial Park from about 8am, and the Brisbane 2023 Anzac Day Parade from 9:45am to 12:45 pm at King George Square in the City centre. You

can find other services near you by visiting this link: https://lightupthedawn.com.au/plan-anzac-day#map





BAPTISM 9AM TODAY! We welcome wee Neve Puroku into the family of God. Please join us in holding her and her family up in prayer, as she begins her Christian journey of faith. We give thanks for the precious gift of God that Neve is.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR A CHILD NEXT SUNDAY

The Bellina Family will give thanks to God for their first child wee Gabriella next Sunday afternoon.

Please join us in holding the Bellina family and especially Gabriella up in prayer as they prepare this week. We give thanks for the precious gift of God that Gabriella is.



Today in Luke's Gospel, we encounter the risen Christ in the broken bread on the road to Emmaus. May we get our fill of the risen Christ, this day and always until the end of the age, and the age to come.

# 23rd April 2023 EASTER THREE 7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST 9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST





#### EMMAUS 2

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" Luke 24:25-26

We thought that everything was lost and gone, Disaster on disaster overtook us The night we left our Jesus all alone And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us. But oh that foul Friday proved far worse, For we had hoped that he had been the one, Till crucifixion proved he was a curse, And on the cross our hopes were all undone. Oh foolish foolish heart why do you grieve? Here is good news and comfort to your soul: Open your mind to scripture and believe He bore the curse for you to make you whole The living God was numbered with the dead That He might bring you Life in broken bread.

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH					
Friday	28th	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sunday	30th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Family Eucharist		

ROSTERED DUTIES 30/4	7.30AM		9.00am
L.A.'s	Allan		Sarah/Roland
MUSIC			
READERS	June/Vanessa		Michael/Sarah
INTERCESSOR	Linda M		Roland
MORNING TEA	Sue Garrett		
WELCOMERS	Ann		Laurie T
Audio Visual	Paul		Donovan
FLOWERS Dianne	CHURCH CLEANI		ANING Sue/Kym

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# **READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL**

#### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2.38–39

#### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# FIRST READING: ACTS 2.14A, 2.36-41 ROSLYN THOMSON SARAH DAVIES

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

#### PSALM 116.1-4; 116.11-18

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

#### 2. Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.

3. The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me: I was in anguish and sorrow.

4. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'

11. How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

**12**. I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

14. Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.

15. O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.

16. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.

17. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,

18. In the courts of the house of the Lord:

even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

## SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1.13–25 FELICITY SCOTT JAMES SWANSON

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever. 'That word is the good news that was announced to you.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 24.13–35 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## **Parish Prayers**

#### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- The Diocese of Sydney: †Kanishka Raffel; Assistant Bishops †Peter Hayward,
  †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards,
  †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- The Parish of Annerley: Br Donald Campbell, Robert Braun, Jenny Thompson,
  <sup>†</sup>Godfrey Fryar, Fang Ling Quested, Michael Chiplin, Br Alfred Leong, John Searle,
  Mary Florence
- ♦ Abri Residential Aged Care Gold Coast
- St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal Ruth Mathieson;
  Academic Dean Peter Kline; staff, sessional lecturers & students

#### Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Kerry, Helena, Daniel, Roy, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Vince, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Ray, Joan, Pam, Laurie, Lionel & Sue.

# Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Justice, Peace, Reconciliation and Care of Creation Group

These are the areas that the group will be focusing on in the next few months:

- Reconciliation and acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- National Reconciliation Week, 27 May 3 June
- Coming of the Light, 1 July
- NAIDOC week, 2-9 July 2023

For information about The Voice to Parliament the following links may be of interest:

The Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands: <u>https://www.abmission.org/</u> resources/the-coming-of-the-light/

For more information on The Voice see anglicanfocus.org.au for views from the diocese

# In Memory April 23rd—April 29th

Diane Catherine Puodziunas (1988) Matt Puodziunas (1988) Derek Bryan Parker (1999) Ernest Edmund Ganly (1968) Susan Tyler (2009) Dr. Alexander Montague Horner (2007) Sebastian Duke Decimus Bossom (2010) James Desmond Hughes (2018)

# Spiritual practices for the Easter season

Did you know that in many times and places in Christian history, Easter has been viewed as a season, not just day? The Easter season goes from Easter Day to Pentecost Sunday (May 28 this year), a period of seven weeks. Because Jesus' resurrection is such huge, amazing, overwhelming, fantastic gift to us, focusing on it for seven weeks allows time to ponder many aspects of what we receive on Easter Day.



The liturgical colour for the Easter season is white to reflect the holiness and

purity of Jesus, which enabled him to die in our place. White also symbolises light. Jesus submitted to the darkness of the grave, and Easter morning he came back into the light, and his own light was again revealed. Paintings of Jesus after the resurrection often show him surrounded by light. What spiritual practices are appropriate in a season of light and joy? This is a season of feasting, not fasting. Celebrate joy and light in whatever ways you can. Ponder, journal or talk with others about the joyful events of Easter and what they mean for you. Here are some suggestions for spiritual practices for the Easter season:

1. Practice thankfulness. Watch for God's good gifts in your life and your loved one's lives. Look for signs of Jesus' resurrection life in events and people around you. Go out of your way to express gratitude and love to people who have cared for you. Pay attention to the small gifts of daily life, and thank God for them. To help you pay attention, consider starting (or re-starting) a thankfulness journal and commit to adding five items to the list each day. Or partner with others to talk through the things you're thankful for every day. Be sure to pray your thanks as well.

**2.** Focus on light. Watch for the word "light" in scriptures, praise songs, hymns and poetry. Write a poem or statement about the ways Jesus is your light, and ask for further light in specific areas of your life and in the lives of loved ones. Use various names for God and Jesus in breath prayers:

"Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, shine your light on me" (John 8:12).

"Jesus, bright morning star, guide my steps" (Revelation 22:16).

"Word of God, be the lamp to my feet and the light on my path" (Psalm 119:105).

"Lord God, sun and shield, give me your light and protection" (Psalm 84:11).

All of these prayers can be prayed for others as well as for yourself.

# 3. Ponder the fact that Jesus has freed "those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death" (Hebrews 2:15).

In what ways has Jesus freed you from that fear? In what ways would you like to experience more freedom? What do you think that might look like? Journal or talk with a friend about the role fear of death has played in your life. Pray your thanks, and pray for further growth in this area.

The seven-week Easter season nudges us to look at life through the lens of resurrection power and Jesus' pure light. Maybe you'll think of additional ways to do that.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honour and majesty,

wrapped in light as with a garment (Psalm 104:1).

Source: Spiritual practices for the Easter season | Lynne Baab (lynnebaab.com)













Holy Week and Easter Festivities (Palm Sunday to Easter Day)