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3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, 30th April 2017

At the breaking of the bread

"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.



We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist.

We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Show us, Lord,
the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn
within us
as you talk to us.

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday)

7am - Wednesday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls

Margaret and John Fisher
and Patrick Gallagher (Derry)

and of all

those whose
anniversaries

occur about this time

Eternal rest grant

unto their souls, O Lord.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

FEASTDAYS

Tuesday - 2nd May

St Athanasius

Wednesday - 4th May

Ss Philip and James

Fr Bogdan's

Silver Jubilee

Fr Bogdan celebrates 25 years as priest this May and we will celebrate his years of priestly ministry on 7th May at 11am Mass, an occasion to which all parishioners are invited.

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £368.55.

Collection next Sunday

Next Sunday the Mill Hill Missionaries who will share accounts of their mission with us and there will be a second collection in support of the work.

First Friday Mass

Friday (5th) is the First Friday of the Month - there will be Mass in St Mary Magdalene's at 6pm. The First Friday Devotions are a set of devotions to especially recognize the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and through it offer reparations for sins.

Coffee and Craft Evening

The Brownies are running a Coffee and Craft evening to raise funds for famine relief from 6.30-8.30pm on 26th May in St John's Church Hall. Entrance £1 for coffee and biscuits. Cake and candy stall, raffle. Buy hand-made items or make your own on the night. All equipment and tuition will be provided in the cost of the items.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday, 14th July until Friday 21st July, 2017, a little later than usual this year. There are still places available, and the number and email address for Joe Walsh tours, our travel agent, are as follows. Bookings can also be made on line at www.joewalshstours.ie or email info@joewalshstours.ie

Fatima - 100yr Mass

St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

10am, Saturday 13th May

*Including a short talk
on the apparitions at Fatima
and a Consecration of our Diocese
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

This celebration will also be the introduction and welcome of the community of Mother Teresa's Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity to our diocese

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In association with the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh



The Margaret Sinclair Story

7.30pm, Saturday 6th May

Rachel Murray performs Stephen Callaghan's play portraying the devout and generous life of Leith girl, Margaret Sinclair, providing a striking contemporary example of evangelical heroism for us all.

TICKETS - £7; £5 (concessions)

Group discounts available please call

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ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass