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25th & 26th April 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

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

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

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 24:32

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

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Darren McInnes, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi

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.

RECONCILIATION

by appointment

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

by appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six month's notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday: 9.00am - 3.30pm
Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm
Office: 9739 5977
Emergencies: 0448 658 418

PASTORAL WORKER

Wednesday 10.00am- 3.00pm
Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS

Phone Parish Office on
9739 5977

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact the Lilydale Centre on
1800 305 330
Mon-Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,
Contact Parish Office 9739 5977



Have you ever come across an animal that can do tricks? Maybe you have come across a dog with wonderful ball skills, a bird that can sing a recognisable song, or a cat that can count? Our super fat, old, blind and deaf dog can tell the time like no one I know. At 6.28 am every morning, he begins to give a very loud, single bark every 20 seconds and scratches on our front door until I crawl out of bed and let him out. Then he does a cutesy puppy dance until I get the dog kibble out of the pantry and dump it in his bowl. He doesn't have a clock! How does he do it, even on Saturday when I don't have to get up? I would be far more impressed if I were actually awake. Our world is full of talented things! Caterpillars know just how to turn into butterflies without reading even one book on the subject. Living things have instincts built in, and even some of the most unlikely living things can learn. It just goes to show how wonderful God is, who made them all. The arrival of a new baby is a source of wonder for everyone who knows that new little life, and watching a baby learn to drink, sleep, smile and roll over shows us that our bodies do things by instinct, and because we are programmed to learn. Searching for new experiences is part of who we are. I am sure that finding our way 'home', to God, is an instinct that humans in general find hard to resist. We are constantly looking for 'something' as we grow. It might be a

new skill that we are trying to master, like learning to ride a bike. Eventually, we get it. And then we are on to the next thing. Adults look like they know what is going on, they have chalked up degrees and qualifications, but in the quiet of their own thoughts, they spend many restless hours 'searching', often completely unaware of what it is they are actually looking for. We are made up of a body, a mind, and a soul. We feed our bodies with food. We feed our minds with knowledge. And we feed our souls by finding God in each day, and that encounter deepens as we grow in awareness of him. Just like the caterpillar, our souls do not need to read books on the subject to know to look for God, as human beings we have a deep, irresistible instinct to seek him out. The trouble is, our minds don't always understand what our souls are searching for, and people often try to feed this need with other things that cannot satisfy their persistent, unnamed longing. God is with us in every moment of every day. We just need to open our eyes to find him. And as we learn to recognise his presence and his touch, that restlessness that adults are so good at suddenly starts to be replaced with peace. As you come to the end of each day, with those few quiet moments in your own space, think back and recognise God's loving touch in your day. As your family gathers around the dinner table, encourage each person to share their experience of recognising God in something that they saw, heard or experienced. Kids are probably better at this than adults, but the adults can still learn! A family that can share the most important and secret experiences of their lives is a family that trusts one another, and learns to be a family that knows how to grow together, rather than apart, as the years roll on. Couples who can share the physical and mental aspects of their shared lives connect on a whole new level when they trust each other enough to truly share their spiritual thoughts with each other. God is love. We love our families. Through them we find God. Now that's talent!

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Your parish still needs your help to survive financially. Please consider placing your donation in the letterbox slot, to the right of the area under the verandah, outside the Parish Office. **If you wish to donate via electronic funds transfer (EFT), please ring Sharon on 0448 658 418.**

Combined Parish Car Raffle has been postponed. **New Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm.**
Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020



Parish staff are still available by phone to pass on any

information you may need, and to care for your family in this time of stress and uncertainty.

Debbie's phone number is 0448 664 731 and Sharon's is 0448 658 418.
Parish email: lilydale@cam.org.au

WHAT YOU CAN DO!!

As we all go into shutdown mode, social isolation is a real danger. **Please set yourself the goal to ring at least one other person you know each day, to help keep everyone connected.** The sky is the limit when it comes to how many elderly, sick, lonely or vulnerable people you could speak to by phone. Staying in contact with family and friends is Psychological First Aid, and a lot of fun!



Project compassion boxes can be left at the office on **Wednesday** mornings or you can donate directly to Caritas Australia.

Humour

A man goes to a hardware store to buy a chainsaw. The shop assistant sells him the top of the range model saying it will cut through more than 100 trees in a day. The man takes the chainsaw home and begins working on the trees, but after working for three hours he has only cut down two trees. "How can I cut for hours and only finish two trees?" He asks himself. The next morning, he gets up early and works until sunset but still only manages to cut down five trees. The very next day he takes the chainsaw back to the store and says it's not working properly. "It looks ok," says the shop assistant, who then starts the chainsaw. The man jumps back in fright and cries, "what's that noise?"