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**NEW LIFE:** A rainbow is built on the clouds of a preceding storm. It is a symbol of hope arising out of the darkness of grief or pain. It is a Christian symbol. Long ago God himself used the rainbow as a sign that the flood disaster was at an end and would not be repeated in the future. The two men who made their way to the town of Emmaus were enveloped in gloom. The one upon whom they had set their hopes was dead and they had expected so much from him. Since he had saved others why could he not have saved himself? They were walking in darkness until the stranger met them. He began to work on their minds and reveal to them the significance of words of Scripture which they had never understood before. Their hearts burnt within them. The light began to shine and then came the full revelation with the breaking of bread giving them a wonderful inner joy and hope.

Jesus said he had come to open the eyes of the blind. So often he is a stranger in our midst. We allow misfortune, trials of suffering so to darken our lives that we ignore the presence of the one whom we cannot see but we know, as Christians, to be close to us. The two disciples knew, once Christ had vanished from their sight, that he would never go from their presence. Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. He is the source of new life built out of sorrow or near despair. We tend to misread the signs of the times and do not realise that they are written in divine language. We do not understand that even grief and disaster can have divine meaning. "I am risen and am still with you", the Church sings on Easter morning. Christ must never be a stranger in our midst. We must always have the vision of faith to see him there. We should read his words in Scripture and try to understand what he is saying to us. Always it is a message of hope.

**Masses and Prayers:** Joan Sproule (ann.28/4), Doris Covick (ann.1/5).

# Sunday Mass

26th April 2020

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

### **Collect**

Let us pray.

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (See Bulletin Liturgy Sheet)

#### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
**At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.**  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

Amen.

## General Intercessions

*The wisdom of the scriptures reveals God's plan for us. With our faith and hope set on God, let us pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, for through Jesus, God works deeds of power.*

1. For the Church, as we journey through the centuries: May we know the Lord this day in the word, in the breaking of the bread, and in the welcoming of every stranger. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For nations in which persons are persecuted for their religious beliefs: May the purpose of God lead to respect for human rights. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For our parish community, for our country and for the world: May we be protected from the Coronavirus and kept in good health, and all pull together to defeat the Covid 19 pandemic. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For those suffering in the darkness of error and despair, that the scriptures may be explained to them as light and truth. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For those in hospice care, and for all the sick of our community: May they find strength in Christ who had first to suffer before entering into glory. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For those whose lives were marked by faith and loving service: May God lead them in the paths of eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. Let us rejoice with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, that the Lord is risen indeed. **HAIL MARY.**

*Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of your Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. AMEN.*

## **Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## **Our Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and untie myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May Almighty God bless us all, the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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