



# ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

84 Keightley Road, Shenton Park

Archdiocese of Perth Australia

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through our worship and our daily living, we strive to follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, tell courageously the truth of Jesus Christ and live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2020

Dear friends,

It is a reality that we cannot go to the church at this moment. Instead of lamenting what we do not have we need now to nourish the sources of our faith and hope at home. We make this possible through prayer, love, sharing and the different things that we do to nourish our souls at home.

I am so glad to learn how you have been keeping your soul-nourishing through different activities. They are really vital to our own spiritual growth during this pandemic time. We miss our church and our beautiful community at the moment. We pray God may change this difficult situation and bring us together again. We do miss the church, but we make our home church! I am happy to share some of the things that you have been doing to nourish your souls and make your home church at this pandemic time.



1. Prayer: We pray in ways that strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus. Our prayer can begin with being relaxed, silent and aware of the presence of the Lord with us. We need to have a sense of allowing ourselves to be known, affirmed and loved by God.

2. Scripture Reading: We reflect on the liturgy of Weekend if possible Daily Mass by reading the Readings and prayers of the Mass. The prayers of the liturgy are a balanced spiritual diet. Over time they change how we see God and ourselves and how we pray. A good place to start is to read the Scripture readings for each day from the Mass and to meditate on them. To find the daily scripture readings online a good starting place is. <http://universalis.com> Please see the readings of the weekend Mass and the prayers at the end of the bulletin so that you can *pray at home*.

3. Participation of Mass: The Mass is essentially a wonderful prayer of thanksgiving to God for all he has given us in Christ. To be a Eucharistic Christian is to be grateful for the life we have been given. Not the life we might have had in our dreams but the life we have been given, we need to be grateful for everything. I am joyful to learn that you follow the celebration of the Mass online. There are a number of sites with Masses from different places. The details of some of those are given in this bulletin.

4. Children's Liturgy: Parents are doing the Children's Liturgy for their children at home. They find some recourses of the weekend reading which will help the parents to tell the story of Jesus to their children and have some activities with them. See a resource given in the bulletin which helps many. It is good that you read Children's Bible aloud or make the children to read it and tell them Bible stories.

Blessings

Fr Manoj Mathew

## Parish Website

The parish website is being kept current, with new postings as material comes to hand. Here you will find links to parish bulletins, as well as connections to a Catholic media powerhouse. Go to [shentonparkcatholics.org.au](http://shentonparkcatholics.org.au). There is room for your comments.

**Project Compassion** If you have Project Compassion boxes, envelopes or cash to hand in so that we can continue to help others during this difficult time, there are instructions on the website about how to send these funds to Caritas Australia. [Visit caritas.org.au for step-by-step instructions](http://caritas.org.au) on making payments online, sending cheques, banking your cash or making donations over the phone. You are also welcome to call our friendly Supporter Services Team on 1800 024 413 for further assistance. And, remember, in these unprecedented times it's important to connect with and to [lend a hand to the world's most vulnerable](#).

If you would like to have your online credit card donation included in the St. Aloysius total, please email [fernandesemail@gmail.com](mailto:fernandesemail@gmail.com) or [pam.meehan@iinet.net.au](mailto:pam.meehan@iinet.net.au) and let Lynette and/or Pam how much you have donated. So far, \$4,460.05 has been donated to Project Compassion. Alternately, please drop off any Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to Fr. Manoj by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your generosity.

## Mass online / Television

- **Archdiocesan Website:** [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)
- **YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth](http://www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth)
- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/perthcatholic](http://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic)
- **Chanel 10:** 'Mass for You At Home' commencing at 6.00am (AWST) on Sunday 12 April 2020
- **Parish Website** for Mass and updates. <http://shentonparkcatholics.org.au>
- **Mass on demand:** for Daily Mass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyyLsDOryws>
- **Centre for Liturgy** website for Prayer Resources <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/prayer-resources/>



**Pope Francis (@Pontifex) Tweeted:** 23.04.2020 8PM

The pandemic reminds us there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken: Now is the time to eliminate inequalities and heal the injustice undermining the health of the entire human family!

## Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

## Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Bishops have deferred the Council meeting due in October, not because we may still be in isolation in October, but because all the participants must be trained in their role and this preparation is not possible at present. Two of the lay participants from Perth are written up in this week's eRecord, have a [read HERE](#). <https://catholicarchdioceseofperthcommunicationsoffice.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/d/E32A50C121BB74062540EF23F30FEDED/1BF1A70DCC1F1EF527D1E72AD0FD8334>

The National Commission has released a report on Perth submissions received, and these enlightening 'raw' comments are well worth scanning through. The Report can be found on [this LINK](#) <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Diocesan-Final-Report-Phase-1-Perth.pdf> and the comments start on page 15.

**Children's Liturgy:** [Sermons4kids](#) is a wonderful resource for parents to download. There are puzzles, word mazes, a variety of colouring pages and small group activities that children can enjoy whilst they cannot attend Children's Liturgy in our parish at this difficult time. As Easter approaches, we can spend time telling children the true story of Easter and our faith and trust in God in this time of crisis. Thank you. Children's Liturgy Team

**Giving Program:** Gerald Stack, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee.

Parishioners wishing to continue their offerings during the Isolation Phase can choose from the following and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

1. Payment by **EFT** (Electronic Fund Transfer) to parish account; BSB: 086-006 Account No: 6919 06978 Account Name: St Aloysius Parish Reference: Parishioner's name. If parishioner wishes to separate offerings between the priests and the parish, then include at the end of their reference (name): '1<sup>st</sup>' for our priests or '2<sup>nd</sup>' for the parish.
2. By **Cheque** posted to 84 Keightley Rd, Shenton Park 6008, indicating how you want your offering split, if split not indicated, then offering to be allocated 50/50.
3. **Cash** offerings to be collected on monthly basis, at the church at 9.30am, First Sunday of each month (next one is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May). If you need your offering to be collected from you, please contact Gerald Stack (0410 699 174) or John Edwards (0438 527 050)
4. **Direct Debit** option for those interested and the form will be sent when requested

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*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

*from  
"For the Fallen"  
Laurence Binyon 1914*

### *Peace Prayer of St Francis*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:*

*where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*

*to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood as to understand,*

*to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,*

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*Amen.*





# PRAY AT HOME

## PRAYERS & READINGS FOR THE 3<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sign of the Cross

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Lord have Mercy

V. Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.  
V. Christ, have mercy.  
R. Christ, have mercy.  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.

### The 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.

### **Opening Prayer**

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.

### **First reading**

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

**God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy;  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’



The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

*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.’

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

## **Second reading**

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

**Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **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**

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

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about

Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Commentary

On the road to Emmaus Jesus appears to two disciples. This is the longest single post-resurrection narrative in the gospels. Just prior to this encounter, Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala in John. Luke's account of Jesus' appearance in the afternoon is unique. Alfred Plummer (Plummer, Commentary, 552) believes that Luke received the narrative from an eye-witness account and that the narrator was Cleopas.

Jesus appears mysteriously to the depressed and disillusioned disciples on the road to Emmaus on the afternoon of his Resurrection. This road is approximately 11 kilometres from Jerusalem. The disciples think that Jesus is a pilgrim who must have witnessed Jesus' Death. During the walk Jesus remains ignorant about the events of the past few days. He listens intently to their discussion. The disciples tell him of their shattered hopes and dreams for Jesus, the prophet, who through his great and mighty works and preaching would redeem Israel. The concept of redemption for these

disciples and for many other Jews meant that a conquering, all-powerful Messiah would come and lead them to freedom. Their idea of redemption had been decimated by the death of Jesus. They also believed that the women's story of Jesus' Resurrection was simply an idle tale.

Jesus, still the stranger to the disciples, proceeds to explain through scriptures that fulfilment of the expectation of the People of God for a Messiah had been accomplished through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Upon arriving at Emmaus, the disciples welcome the stranger, who has now become the companion on the journey, to stay and prepare to spend the night with them. Jesus remains and takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it and gives it to them. It is at this moment, as the scriptures have been explained to them that their hearts burn, they are transformed and they realise their companion is the Risen Jesus. It is the message of faith nourished by Jesus, the living bread that many believers take from this narrative. Believers are sustained by faith in Jesus that burns within their hearts.

Another universal message for believers is that death does not put an end to one's life. However, the essence of this passage is that the Messiah must suffer and die before he enters glory (24:26). This explains that the death of Jesus, the Messiah was in keeping with God's purpose.

### **Family Discussion:**

How do you think the two disciples felt as they left Jerusalem? Why do you think they did not recognise Jesus? When they realised they had been speaking with Jesus, what did they do? Jesus shows us how to welcome the stranger – those who are different, those we do not like as much as some others. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily lives. How do we welcome those who are on the outside of our group?

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
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.

**The Prayer of the Faithful.....**(Make your own prayers/ pray for different needs of the church, world and yours...)

**Sign of Peace...** (*Peace be with you*)

**Our Father in heaven, Hail Mary... Glory be to....** +

### **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.

*This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in these times,  
while we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.*

### **Concluding Prayers**

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

## 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

## Sign of the Cross



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



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