

Sacred Heart Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B-14 April 2024

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9. 00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary: Quyen Le Phan

Accountant: Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

Weekday Mass Times: English:

7.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 6.30pm Wed 9.00am Sat

Vietnamese: 6.30pm Tues & Thurs 7.00am Wed

Weekend Masses English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am; 6.00pm

Polish: Sun 11.30am

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm: (Chaplain) Sunday: 7.00am; 7.30 pm 4.00pm (Chaplain)

Exposition: Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

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Baptism/Wedding

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"You are witnesses to this"

One of the great French artists, Henri Matisse, died at the age of 86 in 1954. In the last years of his life, arthritis crippled and deformed his hands, making it painful for him to hold a paintbrush. Yet he continued to paint, placing a cloth between his fingers to keep the brush from slipping. One day someone asked him why he submitted his body to such suffering. Why did he continue to paint in the face of such great physical pain? Matisse replied, "The pain passes, but the beauty remains."

Henri's experience may bring home to us the message and mission that the Risen Lord was giving to his disciples and all of us in today's Gospel (Lc 24: 35-46). He appeared to them but as commonly recorded in all Easter accounts, they could not recognize him right away because the Risen Christ is the same person, yet somehow radically transformed! He appealed to their sense of seeing and touching, also to their reason, "ghosts have no flesh". It's interesting to note firstly, he was among them bearing still the marks of his wounds on his glorified body. He did not hide his wounds but showed them and even invited the disciples to touch them. His wounds helped the disciples quickly identify him. Secondly, it seems more important, he opened their minds to the meaning of those wounds, of what happened and what the scriptures told about him. It was only then that they came to believe in him and see all his pain in different light, i.e. as a powerful sign and instrument of his love & commitment; a fountain of peace & healing and a source of strength & renewal for human races. "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day, rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations....You are witnesses to this"

"The pain passes, but the beauty remains." indeed. With their new experience of Jesus as the Risen Lord, the disciples' past was healed and transformed; their minds and hearts were enlivened and empowered for a new journey and mission. They became powerful witnesses not only to what had happened, but to the meaning of all that had happened, namely the death and resurrection of Jesus (cf. First Reading, Acts 3: 13-15.17-19)

As we gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist, listening to the word of God and breaking bread together, Jesus comes among us not as the stranger but as the Risen Lord. May we rediscover the meaning of his death and resurrection for ourselves. May we also revisit the past, all what has happened to us, especially that of confusion and fear; suffering and woundedness in light of the Risen Lord and thereby, our life become such a message of beauty, joy and hope to all.

Pope Francis Intention for April



FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

- Pope Francis -

Thank you

Thank you Fr Tuan Tran for offering Mass for our parish while our Frs Remy and John were away for the clergy conference. May your priestly ministry bring people closer to the Lord our God at the Eucharist.

Fr Remy is away for Conference

Fr Remy will be away from Monday to Wednesday (15 - 17/04/24) for the national Chaplaincy Conference in Melbourne and Fr John will look after our parish during his absence.

Please keep our fathers in your prayers.

Project Compassion & Holy Land Collections

Thank you for your generous contribution to response the Project Compassion (received \$3,447.40) Good Friday (received \$5381.75) collections last week.

May God bless you and families this Easter Season with full of joy, peace and goodness.

Baptisms-Congratulations



through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Welcome to God's family

Chloe Cat Tuong (Maria) Ta

Thy Nguyen Bao (Maria) Hoang

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Daniel Tran Quang Dang

"The soul is in God and God in the soul, just as the fish is in the sea and the sea in the fish."





Tiễn biệt Anh Giuse L ê Trí Long



Gia Đình Giáo Xứ Thánh Tâm thành kính phân ưu cùng quý than nhân, bạn hữu và các thiện nguyện viên trong giáo xứ về sự ra đi đột ngột của Anh Giuse Lê Trí Long vào khoảng rạng sáng thứ bảy, 6/4/2024. Anh đã là một trong những thành viên

trung tín và nhiệt huyết, hiền hòa và giản dị, được sự mến mộ của cộng đoàn suốt nhiều năm qua. Anh được Chúa ban cho năng khiếu và lòng say mê trang trí, hội họa. Và đấy cũng là quà tặng quý báu cho Giáo Xứ chúng ta. Hằng năm, anh đã là trụ cột cùng với các thiện nguyên khác trong việc thiết kế và thực hiện công phu Hang Đá Giáng Sinh trong và ngoài nhà thờ, cùng những trang trí cho các dịp Lễ hội, Lễ tết... Chúa đã gọi Anh về theo chương trình yêu thương, huyền nhiệm của Người. Xin Chúa sớm đón đợi Anh vào trong thế giới ngàn muôn sắc mầu của an bình, niềm vui và sự sống bất tận bên Chúa và cộng đoàn các Thánh. (Chi tiết về Tang Lễ sẽ được thông báo sau)

In loving memory of Mr (Joseph) Tri Long

We sadly farewelled our dear (Joseph) Tri Long LE who was called to God around dawn of Saturday 6th April. Our condolences are extended to his siblings, nephews and nieces, relatives and friends.

He was gifted with a passion for arts and decorations and a steadfast commitment to sharing his talents with our community. For many years, he had assumed the key role and responsibility in designing and building the beautiful Nativity Scenes inside and outside the church, as well as other colourful decorations for our yearly festivities. His passing is our sad loss indeed. Yet, God's providence and his loving plan is always great beyond our expectations. May our dear Joseph be warmly received into everlasting life and peace with God and the company of all saints. (Details of his funeral Mass are yet to be advised)

Church Pews Restoration Project

All newly restored pews have been returned to the church. Please help each other, take a very good care of these pews, avoiding all scratches and damages to them.

Through your generosity we have raised \$85.046.20 towards the total cost of over \$150,000. The Appeal is still going for those who are able to help. Contact the Parish Office for on-line transactions or a tax deduction. Thank you & God bless.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:



Giuse Le Tri Long (3), John Zammit, (2)Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc, Helena Przsiecka, Maria, Joseph (3), Anthony Nguyen Van Chien, Gino Dimoro, Valerio Todini, Giuse Nguyen Vinh Hoa,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick MacAuliffe, Ronald Robison, Ivan Puskas, Maria (20), Joseph (18), Peter (1), Vincent (1), Anna (4), Joachim, Andrew, Dominic (4), Teresa, Vincent (2), Anthony (2), Cosimo, John (2), Ignatius, Rosa, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (5), for all souls (11) Bernard Vilath-Gamuwa, Martha Theresa Nguyen, Alfonso, Maria Le Thi Men, Paul Ho Quang Thay, Teresa Nguyen Thi Hoang Oanh, Julio Ho Tan Luat, Maria Tran Thi Phuoc, Dominic Nguyen Huu Khue, Peter Nguyen Quang Be, Anna Nguyen Thi Ngu, Maria Dinh Hoang Mai, Joseph Dinh Xuan Viet, Joseph Dinh Hoang Son, Joseph Nguyen Van Tan, Joseph Nguyen Ngoc An, Maria Tran Thi Loan, Anna Tran Thi Xuyen, Catarina Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen Hue, John Tran Nguyen Thanh Huy, Domico, orphan souls, Anton, unborn babies, Stephano Cao Van Thu

Other Intentions: For the sick, for the conversion of hearts, thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (6), peace and wellbeing for family (4), for stable works (1), health & recovery for Nguyen Van Hien, healing of sickness, personal intention,

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation: 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 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.

Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Chúa Nhật Tuần III Mùa Phục Sinh-Năm B Bài đọc 1: Cv 3, 13-15. 17-19

Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.

Khi ấy, Phêrô nói với dân chúng rằng: "Thiên Chúa Abraham, Thiên Chúa Isaac, Thiên Chúa Giacóp, Thiên Chúa các tổ phụ chúng ta đã làm vinh danh Chúa Giêsu, Con của Ngài, Đấng mà anh em đã nộp và chối bỏ trước mặt Philatô, trong khi Philatô xét là phải tha cho Người. Anh em đã chối bỏ Đấng Thánh, Đấng Công Chính, và xin tha tên sát nhân cho anh em, còn Đấng ban sự sống thì anh em lại giết đi, nhưng Thiên Chúa đã cho Người từ cõi chết sống lại, điều đó chúng tôi xin làm chứng. "Hỡi anh em, thế nhưng tôi biết rằng anh em đã hành động vì không biết, như các thủ lãnh anh em đã làm. Thiên Chúa đã hoàn tất việc Người dùng miệng các tiên tri mà báo trước. Đức Kitô của Ngài phải chịu khổ hình. Vậy anh em hãy ăn năn hối cải, ngõ hầu tội lỗi anh em được xoá bỏ".

Đáp Ca: Tv 4, 2. 7. 9

Đáp: Lạy Chúa, xin chiếu sáng thiên nhan Chúa trên mình chúng con!

Bài đọc 2: 1 Ga 2, 1-5a

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Gioan Tông đồ.

Các con thân mến, Cha viết những điều này cho các con, để các con đừng phạm tội.

Nhưng nếu có ai đã phạm tội, thì chúng ta có Đức Giêsu Kitô, Đấng công chính, làm trạng sư nơi Đức Chúa Cha. Chính Người là của lễ đền tội chúng ta; không nguyên đền tội chúng ta mà thôi, nhưng còn đền tội cho cả thế gian. Chính nơi điều này mà chúng ta biết rõ được là chúng ta biết Chúa Giêsu, nếu chúng ta giữ các giới răn Người.

Ai nói mình biết Người, mà không giữ giới răn Người, là kẻ nói dối, và nơi người ấy không có chân lý. Còn ai giữ lời Người, thì quả thật, tình yêu của Thiên Chúa đã tuyệt hảo nơi người ấy.

ALLELUIA: x. Lc 24, 32

Alleluia, alleluia! – Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin giải thích cho chúng con những lời Thánh Kinh; xin làm cho tâm hồn chúng con sốt sắng khi nghe Chúa nói với chúng con. – Alleluia.

BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Lc 24, 35-48

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca.

Khi ấy, hai môn đệ thuật lại các việc đã xảy ra dọc đường và hai ông đã nhận ra Người lúc bẻ bánh như thế nào.

Mọi người còn đang bàn chuyện thì Chúa Giêsu hiên ra đứng giữa họ và phán: "Bình an cho các con! Thầy đây, đừng sợ". Nhưng mọi người bối rối tưởng mình thấy ma. Chúa lại phán: "Sao các con bối rối và lòng các con lo nghĩ như vậy? Hãy xem tay chân Thầy: chính Thầy đây! Hãy sở mà xem: ma đâu có xương thịt như các con thấy Thầy có đây". Nói xong, Người đưa tay chân cho họ xem. Thấy họ còn chưa tin, và vì vui mừng mà bỡ ngỡ, Chúa hỏi: "Ở đây các con có gì ăn không?" Họ dâng cho Người một mẫu cá nướng và một tảng mật ong. Người ăn trước mặt các ông và đưa phần còn lại cho họ. Đoạn Người phán: "Đúng như lời Thầy đã nói với các con, khi Thầy còn ở với các con, là cần phải ứng nghiệm hết mọi lời đã ghi chép về Thầy trong luật Môsê, trong sách tiên tri và thánh vịnh". Rồi Người mở trí cho các ông am hiểu Kinh Thánh.

Người lại nói: "Có lời chép rằng: Đấng Kitô sẽ phải chịu thương khó, và ngày thứ ba Người sẽ từ cõi chết sống lại. Rồi phải nhân danh Người rao giảng sự thống hối và sự ăn năn để lãnh ơn tha tội cho muôn dân, bắt đầu từ thành Giêrusalem. Còn các con, các con sẽ làm chứng nhân về những điều ấy".

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org**. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.