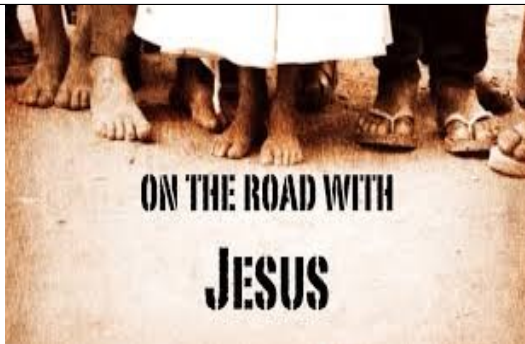


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

29 - 30 APRIL 2017

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Our parish of St John XXIII is *a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart* as we read in our parish mission. Indeed, as Catholics, we should cherish and adore this sacrament with all our hearts. We should manifest our interior faith and devotion in our external actions and behaviour. Jesus is with us on the altar. He waits for us in the Tabernacle, that finite, enclosed space which contains the infinite God.

The Gospel of this Sunday tells us the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. The journey to Emmaus resembles the Holy Mass. Jesus is the true priest at every Mass. He is the celebrant. He speaks to us in the readings, just as he interpreted for them every passage of Scripture which referred to him (Luke 24:27). This sacrifice, this suffering and death, is the key element of our Eucharistic celebration. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, renews in an unbloody manner the one sacrifice of Calvary in every Mass he offers.

APR		PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
SUN 30		Baptisms– Jessica, Ryan, Chad, Brendan, Letty, Zoey
MAY		
MON 1		
TUE 2		<i>St Athanasius (M)</i>
WED 3		<i>Sts Philip & James (Apostles)</i> 7.30pm - Parents Meeting First Holy Communion
THU 4		
FRI 5		
SAT 6		

Pastor's Desk cont'd

This is why the Mass is the key to our spiritual lives. The Mass is Christ's encounter with all of us, as we are journeying through life in search of eternal life. He is the source of life, and through Him we are granted eternal life, and he gives himself to us under the appearances of bread and wine. He has suffered and died for us, and given us an example for us to follow: We must die to self and live for Christ.

1. **REMINDER:** the **PARENT EVENING for FIRST COMMUNION** is on Wed 3rd May... All parents are expected to attend.

God Bless

Fr Thomas

15 Day Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

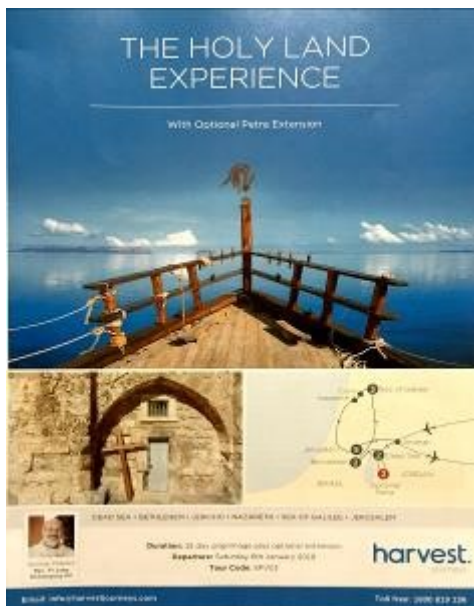
Departure: Saturday 6th January 2018

Tour Code: 8PV03

Email: info@harvestjourneys.com

Call 1800 819 156 Toll free

Spiritual Chaplain: Fr John McSweeney



Book now

Deposit for the Pilgrimage has been reduced from \$1000 to \$600 thanks to Fr John's intervention.)

Gospel Reflection

We all know that God is everywhere. All through our daily life, he walks with us. But often we don't recognize him because we are blinded by our busy work and worry, doubt, confusion and fear. Therefore God remains a stranger to us.

Before the end of the day, we would have asked many questions, experienced many sorrows and gone through many disappointments. And then suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged or old, we notice that night is approaching.

We go into a panic state, what do we do? In that moment we start to pray, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, that our eyes will be opened, and that we will recognize God.

The message of the Emmaus Gospel is that whoever you are, wherever you are in life, the Risen Lord is near you. We come to recognize His presence in the "breaking of the bread", in the Mass, throughout our life.

In the "breaking of the bread" at Mass, it is a grace to be challenged through the homily. Through Word and Sacrament, Jesus teaches us and opens our eyes to the truth that our lives are part of the bigger arc of God's plan. The Mass is our Emmaus where our eyes open to recognize the truth about the Lord and about ourselves.

In this magnificent Easter appearance, in that small town called Emmaus, the Risen Jesus showed those two disciples where He could always be found, in the breaking of the bread, in the Mass.

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.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord
Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

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 witness 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

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.' **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus 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 the 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

Apostle's Creed

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.

Gospel cont'd

the day is almost over.' So he went in to
stay with them. Now while he was with
them at the 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.

Readings for Next Week

1 Mon *Third week of Easter*

1st Reading Acts 6:8-15

Psalm Ps 118:23-24. 26-27. 29-30

Gospel John 6:22-29

2 Tues *Saint Athanasius (M)*

1st Reading Acts 7:51-8:1

1 John 5:1-5

Psalm Ps 30:3-4. 6-8. 17. 21

Ps 36:3-6. 30-31

Gospel John 6:30-35

Matthew 10:22-25

3 Wed *Saints Philip & James (F)*

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalm Ps 18:2-5

Gospel John 14:6-14

4 Thu *Third week of Easter*

1st Reading Acts 8:26-40

Psalm Ps 65:8-9. 16-17. 20

Gospel John 6:44-51

5 Fri *Third week of Easter*

1st Reading Acts 9:1-20

Psalm Ps 116

Gospel John 6:52-59

6 Sat *Third week of Easter*

1st Reading Acts 9:31-42

Psalm Ps 115:12-17

Gospel John 6:60-69

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish
website

<http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/>

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Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Roselia Pineda, Ferdinand Jacob,
Indrajith Fernando, Xavier Ferreira

Deceased:

Mark De Jesus, Mario Zec

Anniversary:

Pacita Delgado Jones, Peter Flannery,
Ernesto R Ribargoso, Jerry Camilleri,
Elizaida R Kawarai, Peter Sharpe,
Arturro Cobarrubias Jr,
Erlinda Aure Menguito,
Pedrito B Olaes Sr,



Sick:

Pat Daley, Karam Matte,
Cay Espanta, Genevieve D'Silva,
Elpido Beltran, Greg Chapman,
Alfred Miler, Sue Laxton,

Thanksgiving:

Scott Mays, Ravi & Bernadette Virwani

Paying our debt together

The First Collection – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

The Second Collection – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (*rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds*).

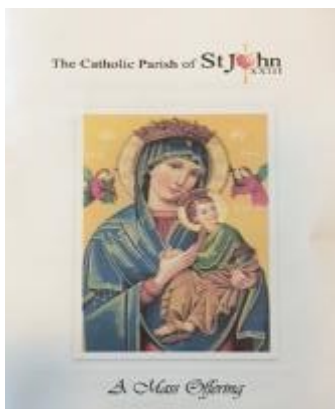
It is used to pay the team/staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment.

It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Church Account".

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, an **SJ23rd form** (white) is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Mass
cards
available
at the
parish
office



If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Corner

The secret of everything is to let oneself be carried by God, and so to carry Him to others.
— Pope St John XXIII

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Statue

We continue to ask for host families to pray the Rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Tuesday nights beginning with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto (after novena mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after, before the start of the novena mass. ***"A family that prays together, stays together: Fr Patrick Peyton"***

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

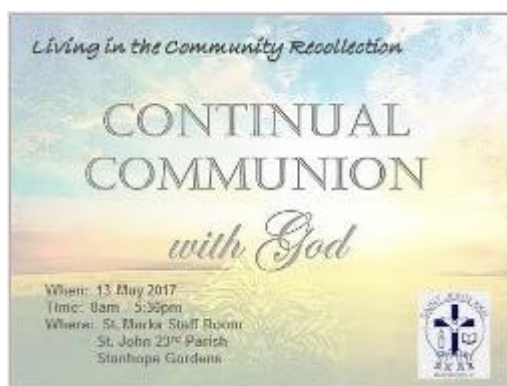
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Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Sebastian	Mojica	Matias M	Matias J	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	Tanganan	Shalini	Ivon	Available	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Cabug-os	Available	Pangilinan	Available

⇒ **The St. John XXIII Prayer Group** is a "parish based prayer group united and committed to love and serve God and one another, moving within our family, community and nation". The Prayer Group invites you to their recollection **"Continual Communion with God"**

When: 13 May 2017

Time: 8:00am - 5:30pm

Where: St. Mark's College Staff Room



Parish Notices

KNIT/CROCHET CLUB

Calling all those avid knitters and crocheters, we are preparing for the winter months and we have some projects underway. If you are able and would like to join us and help out, please contact, via email, Coleen McCunnie colleenmcc@bigpond.com or Rita Mateazzi marcellino5@bigpond.com.

SAFETY BOLLARD

The bollards we use to safeguard parishioners around the baptismal font have reached their use-by date; is anyone able to sponsor the purchase of replacements? Please contact John McCartney – businessmanager@john23rd.org.au

EASTER TRIDUUM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

Parramatta Diocese celebration events over the Lenten and Easter period can be viewed through the below address

Chrism Mass <https://www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/sets/72157682745657025>

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Parish Pastoral Corner

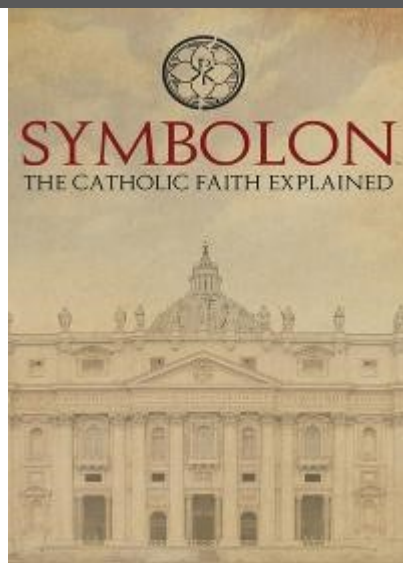
⇒ We may be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic Faith ... but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives?

The Faith Formation Committee invites everyone for a short, half hour video presentation on **“The Catholic Faith Explained”** following straight after every Mass commencing on the weekend of **13th May 2017**.

7:00pm Saturdays and Sundays at the Church

8:30am 10:00am 11:30am Sundays at St Mark's College Staffroom

Please contact Rose on 0401 387427 for further details.



Why we do what we do

What is the origin of the sign of the cross at the gospel, bowing at the Creed, and shaking hands for the sign of peace?

These gestures are prescribed in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, and accordingly should be practiced by all the faithful. Each of them also has a strong tradition in the celebration of Mass.

Concerning the making the sign of the cross at the proclamation of the Holy Gospel, after the deacon or priest says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to . . .,” he and the faithful make the sign of the cross with the thumb on the forehead, lips, and breast over the heart. (The deacon or priest also makes the sign of the cross on the Lectionary or Book of the Gospels.) The first recorded instance of making the sign of the cross at the proclamation of the gospel is found in the ninth century: Regimius of Auxerre (d. c. 908) in his *Expositio* recorded how the people in the congregation would sign their foreheads, and the deacon would sign his forehead and breast. By the eleventh century, as attested to by Pope Innocent III, the deacon would make the sign of the cross on the Lectionary or Book of Gospels, and then both he and the congregation would sign the forehead, lips, and breast. The significance of the threefold signing is that we want to hear the Holy Gospel with an open mind, proclaim it with our lips, and cherish and safeguard it in our hearts. We are imploring the Lord for the grace to receive, acknowledge, and then profess the faith that has been received in the Holy Gospel through our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate.

During the Profession of Faith (the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed) all bow at the mystery of the incarnation: “...by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.” Prior to the *Novus Ordo* of 1969, all genuflected at these words, and on the Solemnity of the Annunciation and on Christmas, we still do. The earliest record of this practice originates in the twelfth century, as found in the writings of Blessed Peter of Cluny (d. 1156), and in the rituals of the Carthusians and Premonstratensian orders. This physical gesture— whether bowing or genuflecting makes us mindful of the ineffable mystery of the incarnation, when our Lord, Jesus Christ, entered this world for our salvation, true God becoming also true man.

Finally, the offering of a sign of peace (formally called the “Kiss of Peace”) boasts an even greater tradition. St. Justin the Martyr (d. 165) in his *First Apology* (which provides one of the earliest written accounts of the Mass) described the offering of a sign of peace after the readings and introductory prayers, but before the offertory prayers. Tertullian (d. 250) regarded the Kiss of Peace as a “seal” placed upon the prayers offered. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) in his *Catechetical Lectures* also recorded how the deacon would call for the congregation to exchange a sign of peace. Moreover, St. Cyril explained, “Do not suppose that this kiss is like those given by mutual friends in the marketplace. Such a kiss this is not. This kiss blends souls one with another, and woos for them forgetfulness of every injury. This kiss, then, is a sign of the intermingling of souls and of the banishment of every remembrance of injury. It was in this regard that Christ said, “If you are offering your gift at the altar, and while there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go out first and be reconciled to your brother; and then come up and



***God can bring
peace to your past,
purpose to your
present and
hope to your future.***

John 14:27

Why we do

offer your gift.’ The kiss, therefore is reconciliation, and because of this it is holy. Just so, where the blessed Paul cried out, saying, ‘Bid one another welcome in a holy kiss’ and Peter, ‘In a kiss of charity.’”

Seen as a natural prelude before the reception of Holy Communion and an affirmation of the whole meaning of the Mass, Pope Innocent I in a letter to the Bishop of Gubbio (416) mandated that the Kiss of Peace occur after the consecration. Later, Pope Gregory the Great (d. 604) set the exchange of the Kiss of Peace after the Our Father.

Because of the growth of the size of congregations over the centuries, how the Kiss of Peace was exchanged evolved. By the tenth century, the Kiss of Peace began at the altar and then emanated to the congregation. By the thirteen century a kissing board or “Pax board” (osculatorium) was introduced which the priest kissed and then this was passed through the congregation with each kissing it. Eventually, the sign of peace was offered only during the High Mass as an embrace between the priest, deacon, and subdeacon. In the low Mass the priest would simply kiss the altar, and say, “Pax tecum” followed by the response, “Et cum spiritu tuo.”

In the Novus Ordo, the Kiss of Peace has been restored to its more traditional practice. The priest may invite the congregation to offer to each other a sign of peace “according to local custom.” Note that the priest does not have to invite the congregation to do so; the verbal exchange between the priest and the congregation of “The peace of the Lord be with you always” followed by “And also with you” may suffice for this ritual. The actual sign of peace may include a handshake, embrace, or even a kiss for a loved one.

These gestures should be taken seriously and performed reverently. They are physical actions which help us form a proper spiritual disposition and reverence during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-origin-of-the-cross-at-the-gospel-bowing-at-the-creed-and-baking-hands-for-the-sign-of-peace/>

Youth Corner

IGNITE - Enkindling the fire of faith

Young adults from 16 - 35 years of age meets every 4th Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm mass. Meet new people, enjoy some food and develop your relationship with God and those around us through prayer, reflection and good discussions with insightful guest speakers.

Next session: 28 May 2017

Topic: tba

Guest Speaker: tba

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Praise & Worship

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us.

Brochures at the foyer for more information.

**The oldest computer
can be traced back to
Adam and Eve.**

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple.

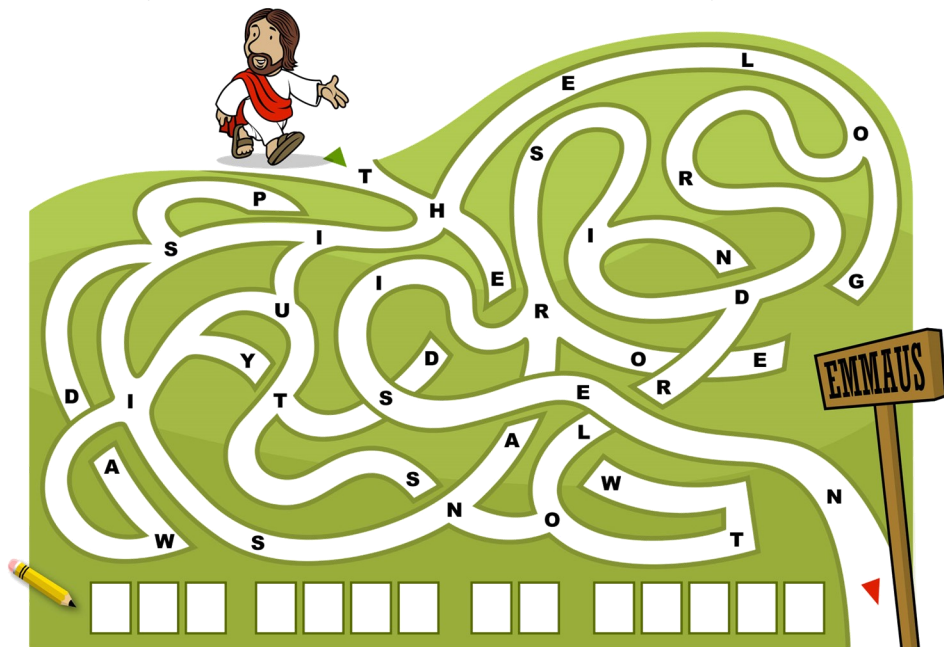
**But with extremely
limited memory.**

Just 1 byte.

**Then everything
crashed.**

Complete the Text Maze

Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.



Word Find

They knew it was Jesus when he broke bread

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Find these words

Angels bread Cleopas disappear eat Emmaus house
Jerusalem Messiah Scriptures suffer three

Diocesan News

2 May - Parishes Making Connections NSW Conference

Shane Dwyer, director of the National Centre for Evangelisation, keynotes this year's NSW Catholic Pastoral Conference. Includes presentations and networking with parishes and schools offering successful ministries with small faith groups and with youth engagement. For parishioners, school staff and clergy. Lidcombe, 10.00am-4.00pm, optional dinner \$60 registration: www.trybooking.com/PBCM
Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office. For inquiries & flyer: Greg Byrne tel 0427 918568, gregbyrne3@bigpond.com

6 May - "My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord"

Reflection Day for Women on Saturday 6 May 9.30am – 3.00pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Hosted by Sr Mary Louise Walsh. Cost \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register: info@schoenstatt.org.au

10, 12 & 13 May - New Testament Workshops

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof van Than Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of New Testament Studies and on Spirituality in

a Pluralistic Society. Topics: Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew (10 May), The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus (12 May) and Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity (13 May). For further information and to register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites

13 May - LIFTED Live! Featuring Steve Angrisano

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill.

RSVP thru the Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, tel (02) 8838 3428 orjcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

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Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
6:00pm (Youth)

Baptism 12:00pm *Sunday by appointment*

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Saturday 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

Parish Office Hours

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