3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B
22nd April 2012


Responsorial Psalm Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: St John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!


MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
(Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office)

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.

WELCOME
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to fill in a card found on the table at the church entrance and place it on the collection plate. A member of the Parish will visit you as soon as possible.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection) 
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.} $366

Church (envelopes) collection 
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.}

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Never see an evil without seeing how you may remedy it. 1873

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray—Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when You speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of Your love.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 54272827.

MEDITATION

Please remember if you are cleaning or arranging flowers on Saturday morning that the Christian Meditation Group will be in the Church from...
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<th><strong>CATHOLICCARE’S HEAVENLY GALA BALL</strong></th>
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<td>Once a year CatholicCare holds a Gala Ball, proceeds from which go to support families affected by substance abuse. Only a small proportion of this vital service is funded by Government, the rest of the service is reliant on sponsorship from the Archdiocese, fundraising activities and a dedicated band of volunteers raising money each year. We are looking for auction items, sponsorship, donations or ticket sales, if you are in a position to assist in any of these areas or know of anyone that could please contact Kathy Matthews at CatholicCare on 84171200 or</td>
<td>A special invitation is extended to all former staff members and all ex-students to join our School Community on Sunday 29th April 2.30pm to celebrate the blessing and opening of our long awaited new school. 1 Conway St, Kilmore, Ph</td>
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**XAVIER COLLEGE**
Boarding Scholarships for 2013 open now.
The Xavier College Foundation is offering scholarships for student entering Years 9 and 11 in 2013. The closing date for applications is 2nd May 2012. For further information see Xavier’s website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact The

**MISSION TRIP—THE EDGE OF THE AMAZON**
30 June—19 July Bookings open now
Immerse in a week long Amazon village mission before gathering with an estimated 5000 Catholic young people from over 120 nations for the 2012 International Catholic Charismatic Renewal World Youth Meeting. Set out for an adventure into the spiritual heart of South America with tour leader, Br. Daniel Serratore (Missionary of God’s Love) and experience the culture of Pentecost with CCR youth

**TABOR JOURNEY PROGRAM—15-17 June 2012 at Templestowe**
Tabor Journey is a program for separated, divorced or widowed people coping with loss, the grief, the heartache and struggle that follows the end of a marriage/relationship. This live-in weekend is designed to provide a reflective time, a time to share, to bring some closure on what has happened and move on with life with greater freedom. For information and a registration form please phone

**PILGRIMS ON THE MOVE IN AUSTRALIA**
While the El Camino across Northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela remains the most famous and ancient of pilgrimages, dating from 9th century and currently attracting 100,000 pilgrims a year, pilgrimages are growing in Australia.

In 2012 there will be two pilgrimages of the Camino Salvado, from Perth to the monastery town of New Norcia—a distance of 160km covered in 7 days.
www.caminosasalvado.com/
The 20th Christus Rex Pilgrimage from St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo, a distance of 95 kms, attracted 440 pilgrims. Date for this year is October 25-28 (Feast of Christ the King)

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**
2012 Knox Public Lecture
Wednesday 16th May 2012 at 7.30pm
Rev Associate Professor Orm Rush

Australia and Vatican II: Assessing the Reception of the Council
Bookings and info email jill.allen@ctc.edu.au or phone 94123304.
RSVP: Wednesday 9th May.

**ANZAC PRAYER**
Lord our God, boundless provider, source of peace that the world cannot give, kindly hear our constant prayer for those who bore witness to your own fidelity by giving their lives for those they loved.

Resurrect them in our true homeland and perfect that peace for which they longed and died.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

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.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7
(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us. or;
(R.) Alleluia.
1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. ‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading  1 Jn 2:1-5
A reading from the first letter of St John
Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins 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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  See Lk 24:32
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Lk 24:35-48
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus’ appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week’s reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week’s account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he’d been talking about when he’d spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, ‘He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.’ This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures ‘literally’ i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus’ enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of ‘understanding’ scripture not just blindly accepting it.
St Mark the Evangelist was the author of the first synoptic Gospel. He is believed to be the same man referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as John Mark; a disciple of Jesus and John the Baptist and the cousin of St Barnabas. Mark travelled with St Paul and St Barnabas on missionary journeys to preach the gospels. He was a close companion of St Peter; it is considered that his gospel represented the teachings and memoirs of St Peter. He later travelled to Alexandria in Egypt where he continued his evangelisation. The church in Alexandria claims that St Mark became their first bishop and that he was eventually martyred there in the first century. As an evangelist St Mark is often symbolised as a lion, and he is the patron saint of Egypt.

There is something that Jesus asks us to do for him. To find out what that is, colour all the shapes that contain a dot the same colour. Colour the remaining shapes using different colours.