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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 19 APRIL 2026

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” - St Thomas More

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.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 2-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R: Lord, You will show us the path of life.

1. 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.’
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, at Your right hand happiness for ever.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 20 April & Friday, 24 April - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 21 April - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Joshua McCosker; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Robert McCabe (brother of Fr Paul)

the sick: Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 20th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 21st: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Wed 22nd: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 23rd: 10am McLean Mass, 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm, Holy Hour, 12.45 - 1.30pm Confession

Fri 24th: 8.45am Rosary, 9.30am Year 6B HTS Holy Mass, 4.30pm Holy Hour, 5pm - 5.30pm Confession

Sat 25th: 8am Rosary, 8.30am ANZAC Day Mass

3.30pm Holy Mass - Tingha

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confession, 5.30pm Rosary,

6pm Holy Mass - Inverell

Sun 26th: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Ladies Lunch: Thurs 30 April 2026, 12.30pm. Location Country Kitchen Courtyard Café, 120 Otho Street (opposite Post Office)

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Sat 9 May 2026, 9.00am

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 10 May 2026, after Mass

Men's Breakfast: Wed 13 May 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Altar Society Roster For April: Margaret Robinson & volunteer

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Bottles of Holy Water

There are bottles of Holy Water still available at the side of the Altar. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the Paschal Candle and other Easter expenses. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel.

Ladies Lunch

Thank you to the ladies who attended the Ladies Lunch on 9 April. The Ladies Lunch will now be held on each Thursday that falls before a First Friday. The next Ladies Lunch will therefore be on Thursday 30 April 2026 after the conclusion of Holy Mass at 12.30pm.



ANZAC Day Mass

Next Saturday, 25 April, is ANZAC Day. Our parish will observe this important day with Rosary at 8am followed by Holy Mass at 8.30.

If using the **Red Sunday Missal** the Order of the Mass will be on page 1098.

If using the **Blue Weekday Missal**

the Order of the Mass will be on page 1677.

ANZAC Day Prayer: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, in this season of Easter we rejoice in the New Life the Risen Jesus gives us, offering hope and peace. As we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country, help us to be instruments of your peace through the intercession of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Men's Breakfast

Thank you to all the men who attended the Men's Breakfast on 8 April. The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday 8 April at 8.30am. Please contact David McMahon on 0427 089 560 to confirm your attendance for booking purposes.

Use of Parish Toilet

A reminder that all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian when using the toilet or leaving the Church for any other reason.

Ministry Volunteers

If you can help out with any of the Ministry roles during Mass, please place your name and contact number on the sign-up forms at the Church entrances.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001023550

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001013072

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 347

* Preface I-V of Easter Pg 36-38

* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Third Week of Easter commences on Pg 327