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Mission Statement:

**To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.**

**SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020**

**A reminder that, due to Australia's COVID-19 restrictions,  
All church Services are cancelled indefinitely.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *O God, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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**Yesterday, April 25 was ANZAC DAY, & in Honour & Memory of all our Veterans:**

Micah 4.1-4 Psalm 46 Hebrews 10.32 – 11.1 John 15.9-17.

**ABM Reflection 2020:** *“Just as Easter Day was very much an unusual celebration this year, so too Anzac Day. Perhaps this is no bad thing, Perhaps, in doing away with the marches & the music, we might rather meditate on the utter futility of war & the misery it brings. As we do that, we might like to **remember those asylum seekers** whose lives have been turned upside down by war, forced to seek refuge in foreign lands.”* Which reminds us of the need to:

- **Pray for Selva, Julyat, Lawrence & Marya, following the suspending of their appeal again.**
- **Pray for all affected by war, remembering especially those who lost their lives, their families.**
- **Give thanks for the work and witness of our own Church, the Anglican Church of Australia, remembering especially the Bishop to the Defence Forces (Bishop Grant Dibden) and our chaplains who serve in Christ's name within the army, navy and air force.**

**APRIL 26, 2020: THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER –**

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4, 11-18 1 Peter 1: 13-25 Luke 24: 13-35

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT  
KNOWING IT'S HIM?



THEY WERE EXPRESSING  
**NORMAL** HOSPITALITY!



**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** *“St Luke tells us about the walk to Emmaus where two of the disciples meet with the Risen Christ, yet they do not realize who he is until he breaks bread with them. Many of us have been watching the Eucharist online over the past few weeks. May God bless all those who have made their spiritual communion recently, keeping up their Eucharistic devotion in difficult times.”*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, **we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.** We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united with you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, **we pray that you would come spiritually** into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

- **Give thanks for the work & witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.**

## APRIL's PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

- Great News! Gloria Cottage now has new tenants (\$350pw less fees of 9%+GST)
- However, with the Covid-19 shut-down, **giving for the year is down \$1,083, or 3.46%**, and, quote: "we will need to keep a very close eye on cash-flows while services aren't being held."
- And we no longer receive income from Concerts, or from the use of our Hall.
- But: to help following the bushfires, the Diocese is assisting with a 6mth suspension in their fees.
- And: our Treasurer is exploring the possibility of Job-Keeper assistance for our wages.
- **Thank you to our mystery eastern-corner plant-clearer**, to help protect us from white-ants!
- You-tubing Services – the website is receiving a good number of 'hits' from all over the world. Thank you to all who are putting the info 'out there'! In May, Mandy & Lachie plan to integrate services conducted at St Paul's – on a one Parish, two churches basis.
- At All Saints, the tile restoration is finally completed & the piano is back in place.
- The Lichen on the southern roof & walls, plus gutters & downpipes will soon be cleaned.
- P/C voted that Rev'd Mandy be paid for 4 days per week, given the hours she's been working.

**RETURN & EARN** – I'm very pleased to report that, at the conclusion of this R & E year, we've managed to reach a total of \$3,500, a very satisfying 'round figure'. Please keep up the good work with your recycling, folk - every little bit helps, both with our finances, & with land-fill. **Gloves & hand-washing all the way but**, (yes, yes, we're getting the message!)

**MANDY'S MESSAGE:** "ANZAC Day, such an extraordinary time to remember those who suffered and gave their lives for our freedom. It ties so closely to Easter when our Lord Jesus Christ won eternal freedom at the cost of his own suffering, death and glorious resurrection.

Let us reflect that most of us have walked the road to Emmaus because this is the road of giving up. It is the road of disillusionment, of despair, of just putting one foot in front of another with nothing much to look forward to, without direction or hope.

It may have been after the death of a loved one, a conflict, a disappointment, often with guilt and shame and humiliation. But it is there on the road to Emmaus, the road of despair, that Jesus meets us. He is still scarred by the violence of his death, both the risen Messiah and the wounded suffering servant. The merciful Lord approaches us without a shadow of resentment or vengefulness. This is the messiah who, when we were still his enemies, died for us, that we might be reconciled to God. This is the messiah who destroys enemies by reaching out with nail scarred hands and making them friends. This is the messiah who is so hard for us to see and recognise.

This is the messiah who always comes to us as we trudge the road to Emmaus; always, whether we ever recognise him or not. For it is precisely there, that there is a chance of getting through to us & opening our eyes to another way, to a "new" way. Because it is in recalling our past losses & failures, & wondering what we are going to do now that we can truly be ready to let go of our past. Then Jesus will open the scriptures to us to reveal the ways of the suffering God, who will set our hearts burning within us, & make himself known in the breaking of the bread. And when that happens, & we welcome this beloved stranger & his strange good news, we will be born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living & enduring word of God. **Amen.**"

## SUNDAY MAY 3, 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER:

Acts 2: 42-47          Psalm 23          1 Peter 2: 1-10          John 10: 1-10.

**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** "The word, panic, comes from the name of the Greek god, Pan, whose flocks of goats and sheep were known to panic. Jesus tells us that sheep follow the shepherd's voice, and so we have no need to panic and scatter, mentally or physically, like a flock of startled sheep. Jesus knows each one of his flock and he calls out to each one of us by name – especially during this time of anxiety. Listen for the Shepherd's voice."

- **Pray that** you will hear Christ's reassuring voice today.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of North India.
- **Pray Healing for:** Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) "Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who will equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, Amen."
- **Please pray** for revival, & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for this field, too."
- **"Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed."** Ps 72:19 (APBA)

**Prayer in This Time of Crisis:** Almighty & 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 crisis: grant wisdom & courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick & work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; where 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 & the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine on us & the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives & reigns for ever & ever. Amen - The Living Word, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Narooma, 22.03.2020. (Thanks Thea!)



**LEST WE FORGET.** "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:1 - Rev'd Tim prepared a memorial service for ANZAC Day; it can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrQsd8DZ9N0&feature=youtu.be>

"If you are going to be used by God, He will take you through a number of experiences that are not meant for you personally at all. They are designed to make you useful in His hands, and to enable you to understand what takes place in the lives of others." ~ Oswald Chambers