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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year A**

**18th/19th April 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Easter.

### **A Gospel within the Gospel**

The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. For the previous few years, life had been exciting and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what he had said. We can empathize with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of his message that please us, and fail to take seriously other words of the Lord.

After his death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current, and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace. Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognised him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing and of sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion.

His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts as well as their mouths to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, he is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection.

*(From The Association of Catholic Priests)*



Reflect today on the initial confusion of these two disciples, filled with sorrow and bewilderment as they grappled with recent events. Contrast this with the growth in faith they likely experienced in the months and years ahead. Little by little, they grew in understanding and belief, allowing their misconceptions about who the Messiah would be - not a political leader, but the Savior of the World - to be dispelled.

Whenever you face confusion, turn to the example of these disciples and learn from the lessons taught through them. Seek Christ in His Word and Sacraments, trusting that He will dispel doubts and guide you to greater faith.


*(From Catholic Communications)*

Blessings, Father Stanley.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 18th April	Blackbutt	5pm	Mass
Sunday 19th April	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33  
**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21  
**Gospel Acclamation:** 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

### WEEKDAY MASS OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Thursday 23rd April	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 24th April	Kingaroy	9am	Liturgy
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friday 24th April	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 25th April	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 26th April	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

### ST MARY'S PARISH MOWING ROSTER

After many years of dedicated service, Joe Magee has recently retired from mowing and groundsman duties around St Mary's Church. In the interim we would like to set up a Mowing Roster. If you would be willing to volunteer your services please let Fr Stanley or Kate Williams know. Previously volunteers were rostered on a monthly basis. The Parish does have a ride-on mower available for use.

**Enquiries:**  
 Phone Kate 0459 603 274



### SOUTH BURNETT ALLIANCE MEAL

The parish will be providing the meals through the SBSA on Wednesday 22 April. If you would like to help with mains, please see Eden Baylis, or if you would like to help with desserts, please see Michelle Rutley.

### CONFIRMATION 2026 DATE CLAIMER



Parent information Night - 22 April at 6pm in St Mary's Church Kingaroy.



Enrolment Sunday—26 April during Mass at St Mary's.

*Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.*

### PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Death Anniversaries:** Susan Murray, Timothy O'Sullivan, Melinda Melville, Annie Obst, Dereke Smith, George Doyle, Fred Seng, Michael Carew.

### Prayers for the sick:

**OLHC Parish** - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan.

**St Mary's Parish** - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Benjamin Cameron Manktelow who will be baptised on 19th April 2026. Please keep parents, Madison and Jackson and godparents Anne and Michael in your prayers.

### OLHC CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be **no choir practice** at OLHC Nanango on **Wednesday 22nd April**. Next choir practice will be Wednesday 6th May. Anyone who would like to join the choir, please come along.



### DATE CLAIMER

Book Launch - 'Captain of His Destiny' - The story of Jim Burns, polio paraplegic and brilliant musician.

Author: Liz Caffery

St Mary's Church and Hall on the 6th June at 2pm

Guest Speaker: Moya Hayden

### ST MARY'S MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

**1st Prize:** Gift Basket for Mum

**2nd Prize:** \$100.00 Meat Voucher

**donated by Martoo Meats.**

**3rd Prize:** \$70.00 Fuel Voucher

**Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

**Drawn: Sunday 10th May 2026**

**\*\*All proceeds go to painting of the Church fund. \*\***

*Happy Mother's Day*



### GRATITUDE

The Kingaroy Parish would sincerely like to thank Martoo Meats who have kindly donated second prize for our Mother's Day raffle. Second prize is \$100 worth of meat from Martoo Meats.

In order to thank them for their donation, it would be appreciated if Parishioners could support Martoo Meats.

