NEWSLETTER
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Monday 20th April, 2015

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Parish Priest: Fr Barry Moran

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Office Assistance: Robbie Bartlett & Janelle Adams

Teachers
Year FF: Jacquie Fleming
Year 1J: Therese John/Daniela Borgese
Year 2B: Gabrielle Berends/Jane Davy
Year 3F: Ben Fahey/Eleanor Colaneri
Year 4M: Maureen McDonald/Catherine Le Hunt
Year 5B: Claire Butson
Year 6: Paula Incretolli/Daniela Borgese

Library: Anna Borella
Phys Ed (Junior): Chris Kidman
Number Intervention: Anna Side
Library Tech: Janelle Adams
Teaching Assistance: Judith Dellar

Reading Recovery: Clare Sabatino
Italian: Carmela Vozzo
Phys Ed (Senior): Matt Ottobre
Artist in Residence: Robbie Bartlett
Teaching Assistance: Shiny Pereira (Year FT)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 23rd April 7:30pm Parent & Friends Meeting
Monday 27th April Celebrating 100 Years of Anzac Day 11:30am
Monday 27th April No School Assembly
Wednesday 29th April St Mary’s Open Day for new enrolments
Friday 1st May Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports Begin (St Mary’s vs St Aloysius)
Friday 1st May Cake Stall hosting Year Foundation
Tuesday 5th May Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 8th May Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports (St Mary’s vs St James)
Sunday 10th May Mother’s Day
Friday 15th May Pupil Free Day – No school for students
Friday 22nd May Cross Country for Year 3 - 6
Tuesday 26th May Book Fair
Wednesday 27th May Book Fair
Thursday 28th May Book Fair
Friday 29th May Biggest Morning Tea (Cancer)
Friday 29th May Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports (St Mary’s vs Holy Eucharist)
Friday 5th June Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports (St Mary’s vs Our Lady of Lourdes)
Monday 8th June Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
Thursday 11th June Year 6 Confirmation Information Night
Friday 12th June Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports (St Mary’s vs St Anthony’s)
Friday 12th June Cake Stall hosting Year 6
Sunday 14th June Year 5 & 6 Commitment Mass 10:30am
Tuesday 16th June Year 6 Confirmation Information Night
Thursday 19th June Year 5 & 6 Netball Lightning Premiership
Friday 19th June Year 5 & 6 Football Lightning Premiership
Monday 22nd June Student Reports sent home
Thursday 25th June Parent & Teacher Interviews from 1:30pm
Friday 26th June End of Term – Student’s breakup at 1pm

Term 2
Monday 13th July Term 3 Begins 8:55am

After Care is available until 6pm, booking is essential
From the Principal’s Desk:

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a great break.

Farewell
At the end of Term 1 we farewelled Dianne Pavlou who finished working as Library Technician and Teaching Assistant part-time. Dianne contributed a lot in her time at St Mary’s and we wish her all the very best for the future. Janelle Adam has taken the position of Library Technician for this year.

Welcome
We welcome Judi Dellar who commenced as teaching assistant in Year one last week. She joins Shiny Pereira as the other Teaching Assistant within the school. We hope that Judy and Shiny enjoy their time here at St Mary’s.

Foundation – Two Family Mass
An invitation is extended to all families to join us this Sunday 26th April for our Foundation to Year 2 Family Mass at St Mary’s.

Project Compassion
Thank you to all the generous children and parents who contributed to the Lenten Project Compassion boxes. As a school we raised $808.

Faith Based Inquiry Learning
Last Monday 13rd April we commenced Term 2 with a Pupil Free Day. The teachers concentrated on Faith Based Inquiry Learning. On this day our two new School Leaders, Maureen McDonald (Education in Faith) and Freda Tahtouh (Learning and Teaching) led the teachers in the development of the Sustainability Units for Term 2. In the next few newsletters I will outline what this new style of learning is for St Mary’s.

What is Faith Based Inquiry Learning?
For at least the last ten years many schools in Victoria have been involved in Inquiry Learning. Inquiry Learning enables children to investigate, search, quest, research and examine a unit of study per term to enhance their involvement within a community of learners. Whilst the school would cover the same unit at the same time, each year level would have a different focus within that unit. For example in term one, our Inquiry Unit was Community. Foundation Year concentrated on, What communities do we belong to? Years 1 & 2 concentrated on, In what ways can we enrich our community? Years 3 & 4 focused on, As Catholics how can we serve the community? and Years 5 & 6 focussed on, What are the different rules and values within different communities?

In the last two years, at St Mary’s, a key feature of our units has been the link between our Catholic Faith and the Inquiry Units. Not all Catholic schools would do this, but as a school we have investigated how we can make explicit links into our Catholic tradition, through the key learning areas.

In Term 2 the whole school will focus on Sustainability, which is known as the key concept. We will develop this key concept further by linking it to being Stewards of God’s Creation. As a school our key inquiry question is, How can we take responsibility and respectfully care for God’s creation? Two key resources that will help us make this unit link into the Catholic Faith is the use of Scripture and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Some of the key Scripture passages that the children will explore though Sustainability this term are: The six days of creation, (Genesis 2:15), God created every plant yielding seed, (Genesis 1:28), Being stewards of God’s grace, (Peter 4:8-11), and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). During the Term we ask that you come in and have a look at the work that the children are undertaking and how we are making explicit links to the Catholic Faith.

During the rest of this term I will be outlining the principles of Catholic Social Teaching at assemblies and also in the newsletter so that our whole community can develop a greater understanding of these principles.

Social and Emotional Learning - Restorative Practices
As part of our new student behaviour policy we introduced a new style of working with children when they are faced in challenging situations. This new policy is entitled Social and Emotional Learning - Restorative Practices. Hence “Practices are built into the culture of the school so that there is a concerted approach to: the respect shown to staff and students in the way that mistakes are dealt with; the respect shown to parents and families in the way communication and their complaints are handled; curriculum which reinforces the value and support of relationships, co-curricular activity which recognises individual needs and differences; pedagogy which engages students in active learning; and standards of expected behaviour which above everything else, value people.” (Restorative Practices in Catholic School Communities 2011).

This new policy centres on the key components of relationships and how we can continue to build on them. Whilst we have taken a little while to get use to this new style of relationship practices, the children have responded to them positively. The introduction of our school code of norms continues to help everyone understand the key messages that we are focussing on.
At St Mary’s we work in a safe and respectful learning environment where everyone takes responsibility for their own behaviour.

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

Connected to the code of norms are five keys to success: persistence, resilience, organisation, confidence and getting along. Last term we concentrated on organisation and many children improved their organisation skills. This term the children will focus on “getting along” with each other.

**National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May.

**Pupil Free Day**

On Friday the 15th May we will be having a Pupil Free Day. On this day we will commence developing a new School Vision Statement. Patricia Bergin a Leadership Consultant will be leading the staff through a detailed process on school vision development.

The following Pupil Free Days have been allocated for the rest of the year:
- Monday 2nd November – Report Writing
- Friday 4th December - Faith Based Inquiry Learning

**ANZAC Day**

As this year marks the 100th celebration of Anzac Day, we will be having a special Anzac Day Liturgy on Monday 27th April at 11:30am. All parents/guardians and relatives are invited to join us for this celebration. There will be no Assembly on this day.

**The Parish Hall**

The electrical works in the Parish Hall are nearly completed. The next major stage of cleaning the hall, will take place in the next two months. We will shortly be advertising some working bees so that the whole community can be involved in tidying the hall so that the children can start using it. Please watch out for these working bees as we will like many parents/guardians involved in assisting with the cleaning and tidying of the hall.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

*Gerard Lewis*
*Principal*

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**ST MARY’S OPEN DAY**

*For Future Enrolments*

*Wednesday 29th 9:30am to 11am*

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

*Pupil Fee Day – no school for students*

*Friday 15th May*

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**ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

We are currently taking enrolments for next year. If you have a family member who is scheduled to start next year please come to the office and obtain an Enrolment Form or download it from our website, as places are filling up quickly and numbers are limited.

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENT FOR 2016**

All Year 6 students have received an “Application Enrolment Form” for Secondary School at the end of last Term. This Form needs to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 22nd May. If you have any questions please see Erica at the office.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking will be processed next Thursday 30th April; a minimum deposit of $10.00 is required.
**WINTER UNIFORMS**

All children are to be wearing winter uniform by Monday 27th April. Hats do not have to be worn then. The Winter Tunic (T005) and long grey pants are available from Primary School Wear at 15 Mills Street, Cheltenham – 9583 3287. **Note** School Jumpers are purchased at the school on Thursdays between 8:40am – 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:20pm.

**GIRLS**
- Navy Tunic – T005 col 9009
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Navy School Jumper
- Navy tights or Navy knee-hi socks
- Black shoes

**BOYS**
- Grey Trousers
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Navy School Jumper
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

**Skivvies** - We have a small supply of Skivvies available to purchase from the School Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings until all stock are sold out. This is a one-time offer. The cost of each skivvy $10.

**RE NEWS**

Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter

Jesus Christ is Risen! Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, the central feast of Christianity. The Easter Season—beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days—is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians.

**Live with Joy**

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

**Live without Fear**

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a challenging relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

**Live with New Eyes**

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God’s eyes. We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion

Your donations give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Please return all Project Compassion boxes to the school office, or make a donation online via the Caritas website at www.caritas.org.au. If you would like to join Caritas Australia beyond Easter in the struggle against poverty and injustice, visit www.caritas.org.au/act and support our campaigns!

**Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B**

April 19, 2015

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

**Family Connection**

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God’s word in Scripture and by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened. As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favourite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God’s Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ’s witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God’s word and by Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ.

Maureen McDonald—Education In Faith Leader
LIBRARY NEWS
Chess Club commenced last Wednesday. The Chess Club has been very successful over the past years. The children taking part have developed their thinking and problem solving skills, concentration and memory as well as their sportsmanship. They also have lots of fun. The Chess sessions will take place on Wednesday between 1pm to 2pm. Happy Reading!

Anna Borella – Librarian

PARENT HELPERS
On the 18th March, 2015 we had a Parent Helpers’ Workshop for all the new volunteers who wish to work in the classroom during the Literacy Block. Thank you to all the parents who attended and expressed interest in assisting with the reading and writing program in the Junior classes. It was fantastic to see so many parents at the meeting.

We all talked about the importance of confidentiality when you’re a classroom helper and how we need to be mindful of not discussing the progress of other children or comparing them with one another. All children are different and learn at different rates and in different ways. As a classroom helper you have a responsibility to respect confidentiality and only speak to the classroom teacher if you have any concerns about any students in the class.

If you are working in the classroom and have not come to any of the Parent Helpers’ Workshops that I have run in the past please come and see me on Wednesday morning between 9am and 9.30am. Thank you for all your support and co-operation.

Paula Incretolli – Literacy Leader

ST MARY’S SCHOOL APP
Have you got the school App yet?
Keep up to date with everything that is happening at St Mary’s by downloading our free school app.

The St Mary’s Primary School App keeps students, families and the broader school community connected and up to date with the latest information from St Mary’s Primary School - St Kilda East.

App features include:
- News panel with a latest news feed direct from the school website
- Notifications system allowing you to subscribe to alerts and reminders from the school
- Events calendar providing a listing of upcoming events
- Documents library which contains newsletters, forms and policies
- Gallery which showcases school life through images and video
- Contact information and website link.

Free download can be found below:

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School
Our Recap
After a hectic last week of term 1, including the much anticipated raffle and mini-awards ceremony, we definitely deserved a good 2 weeks off! Now we are into term 2 and we’ve been straight back into the swing of things here at after care. Lots of fun has been had making paper aeroplanes and racing them off against each other for a chocolatey prize, of course the prettiest and best decorated planes also won prizes. Lots of activities are planned for the term ahead including bug hunts for the brave, sports (for the active), many crafts for the artistically minded) and of course culinary capers for the hungry.

Last term we made a big effort to begin decorating our OSHC room, this term we aim to significantly improve on this to create a fun and colourful environment for the students’ minds to grow in.

Our Extend Superstar is…..Emma Mansour for being an enthusiastic helper and supporting the younger children in activities.

Activities for this week:
Monday 20 April: Bug Hunt
Tuesday 21 April: Team Relay Races
Wednesday 22 April: Autumnal Mask Making
Thursday 23 April: Crayon rubbing and exploration
Friday 24 April: Friday fun with marshmallow launchers

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Parent & Friends Committee Update

parents/guardians for another fantastic P & F Cake Stall event. The Year 3 Class reps Dani Angel and Donna Martin co-ordinated an awesome event with the assistance of the Year 3 parents/guardians who volunteered on the day and or also prepared some gorgeous treats. Thank you to everyone who supported our community Cake Stall event. Your efforts were rewarded with smiles, laughs, community spirit and a great fundraising result. Even the sun came out to join us! The Year 3 cake stall raised $1,026.

Thank You to the Year 3 parents/guardians

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser: Thank You to all the families who purchased hot cross buns. We are grateful to Phillippa’s bakery offering a $6.00 donation for each box sold. Thank you to Elly Howarth the Year 5M Class Rep for co-ordinating this P & F event. The Hot Cross Bun Drive sold sixty six boxes which raised $396.

Easter Eggs Donations & Raffle: Another huge thank you to the families who donated Easter Eggs and purchased raffle tickets for this year’s raffle. The Easter Egg Raffle was well received by all, especially the children! Congratulations to those that won a raffle prize with magnificent hampers created from the donations. For those children that didn’t win a raffle prize they did not go home empty handed! Each child left with an Easter egg of some sort due to the generous donations from St Mary’s families. A big thank you to the Year 1 Class Reps, Louise Dewar and Emma Wilson, for coordinating this Year 1 P&F event and creating such gorgeous prizes! The Easter Egg Raffle was a fundraising record breaker with a very healthy $2,159.80 raised for our school!

The P & F Second Hand Uniform Stall: Thank you to those families that donated children’s uniforms to our stall. Without your generous donations this event would not be possible. We would also like to thank Naomi Haywood, Lucy Sparke, Mary Brown, George Dellas and Bernie Curtis who co-ordinated and ran the stall. The P & F Second Hand Uniform Stall fundraiser raised $538. We plan to host another stall either at the end of Term 3 or at the very beginning of Term 4. If you would like to donate any uniforms for this event, can you please kindly keep them aside until the end of Term 3 when we will start seeking donations. If you would like to get involved with volunteering on this stall please contact George Dellas george@in-focus.com.au or Bernie Curtis bernie@curtis.org.au

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 2 2015

P & F Committee Meeting: The second P & F Committee meeting for 2015 will be held at 7.30pm at the Berchmans Centre kitchen this Thursday 23rd April. We will be sending out an agenda this week, so please keep an eye out for it in your emails. A kindly reminder that all parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings and so we look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to copy of the minutes from the last P&F meeting please let the P&F Management Committee (George Dellas george@in-focus.com.au or Bernie Curtis bernie@curtis.org.au) know so they can forward you a copy.

The Year Foundation Cake Stall is scheduled for Friday 1st of May at 3.00pm. Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year Foundation parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

Mother’s Day Stall, organised by the Year 3 parents, is on Tuesday 5th May. Mark your Calendar!!

The Mother’s Day Stall provides the children with an opportunity to buy a gift for their Mum, Grandma, Aunty (or anyone really) to give on Mother’s Day. The P & F provide each child with a gift bag for them to decorate in class. On the day, parent helpers will be on hand to assist the younger children to make their choices and the Foundation Years will be accompanied by their Year 6 buddies. The gifts for sale will be priced either at $2, $5 or $10 each. There are also a small number of $15 gifts available. The Year 3 Class Reps and their ‘mother’s day organising team’ coordinating this event have worked hard to ensure that there is a great range of gifts on offer and we are sure you will love whatever your child buys! Parents/guardians are reminded to be mindful of not giving their children (especially the younger ones) more money than they are allowed to spend as they often get carried away with the assortment of gifts available and may not always understand this and forget to pass on this detail to the Year 3 parent helpers!
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is coming to St Mary’s on Friday 29 May 2015. We welcome you to participate in this charity event to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia. More details on this charity fundraiser and how you can get involved to follow.

The St Mary’s P & F main social and fundraising event of the year is coming! Mark your diaries, organise baby sisters and get ready for “Junofest Fundraising Trivia Night” to be held again at the German Club (the Tivoli) on Friday 19th June.
SWEG (School Wide Event Group) have been hard at work preparing for this event and they are now at the stage where they will invite you to start thinking about organising tables for your year. As we did last year, they will also be asking again for your generous donations to auction on the night. Watch this space for more details to come.

2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
Keep up the good work!
$5,809.05

St Mary’s Parents & Friends presents…..

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
TUESDAY 5th MAY

A LOVELY RANGE OF GIFTS WILL BE ON SALE FOR CHILDREN TO BUY FOR MUM AND GRANDMA.
ITEMS PRICED AT EITHER $2, $5 or $10.

Your support is appreciated
THE 2015 WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR
A few of our students from Years 4 & 6 attended the 2015 World Cup Trophy Tour with a few of their parents.
St Mary's Parish
Parish Priest - Father Barry Moran
Pastoral Worker - Bernadette Milne
Secretaries - Antonia Attard, Catherine Carolan
Parish Manager - Julie Purdey
Parish Office Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm Mon. – Fri.

Times of Masses:
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer - 9.15am
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer - 8.30am
Reconciliation: Saturday - following Prayer or Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter 19 April, 2015

Readings Next Sunday
Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Hymns

Entrance: GA 414
Gloria 422
Gospel Acclam 141
Presentation of the Gifts 401
Holy Holy 97
Eucharistic Acclam Christ has died 102
Lamb of God 391
Communion 391
Recessional: 362

Diary
St Vincent de Paul - 2nd Tuesday of the Month - 7.00 p.m. – Lounge
Sunday Cuppa in the Pottery Room following 9.00am Mass – All welcome
St Vincent de Paul Society - there is a collection box for monetary donations at rear of Church (inside main entrance)

Thanksgiving $1069 Many thanks

We pray in faith for all who died recently and for John O'Kane and Maureen Cummins whose anniversaries are at this time

Spiritual Direction Opportunity
It is about help one person gives to another in such ministry being an eye-opener to the action of God. "...it is in our ordinary human experience that God reveals Godself." The dimension to be explored may evoke the presence of the mysterious Other. Currently Br Daniel Lyimo cfc, resides in Westbury St and will be happy to provide spiritual direction to any parishioners of St Mary's Parish. Br Tim Moloney cfc dplyimo@hotmail.com or T: 0468945112

PROJECT COMPASSION
Reminder to all Parishioners to return their Project Compassion boxes to us - thank you

Readers/Commentators

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Today - visit of Cathy Humphrey of Sacred Heart Mission.

(1) Concert 2.00pm today St Peter Claver Hall 154 Cotham Road Kew - Donation to assist Missionary work accepted.

(2) Easter Oratorio 230pm All Saints' Anglican Church 2 Chapel Street ESK

Mercy Connect Project Melbourne
Volunteers to support Refugees Students and Asylum Seekers - commitment is approx. a half day per week for four school terms. Experience in education is a plus but not essential 9326 1895 www.mercyworks.org.au

*Gallipoli Commemorations
Caulfield - the rear of 4 St Georges Road will be turned into a creative Gallipoli itself scene. 1915-2015 Back to Gallipoli www.crsr.com.au 9.30am Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral Kew (Boroondara) Court House 180 High Street Kew till 29 August.
State Library Victoria Interactive Exhibition Ground Floor and 5th Floor.

Solo Catholics Social and Spiritual activities for singles 45 and over. www.catholicseolos.com.au e-conference - early notice to put aside 23 June the day intends to tap into interfaith issues of three Abrahamic traditions. – BBIA Adult Faith info@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Jobs: Nandi Adams www.cam.org.au
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*First Reading*  
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.’

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9  
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

3. ‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Second Reading*  
1 John 2:1-5  
I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, 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*  
Lk 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: 35-48  
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 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.