



HOLY CROSS PARISH + HELENSBURGH

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▲ 14 April 2024 ▲ 3rd Sunday of Easter/B

WEEKEND MASS

HOLY CROSS
HELENSBURGH

Sunday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8-8:20am



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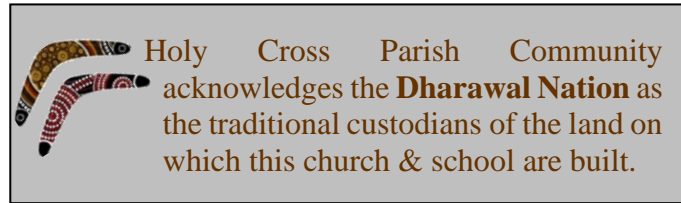
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Pope Francis Gospel Reflection...

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

‘To look is not only to see,’ the Pope points out, adding that ‘it is more; it also involves intention, will.’ When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as ‘a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.’ Jesus’ wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus’ invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. ‘By inviting the disciples to touch him,’ the Pope suggests, ‘Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance”.’ Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, ‘eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.’

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus’ action had a deeper meaning about Jesus’ continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!
Nick Brodie

Thank you...

A sincere ‘Thank you’ to everyone who helped in so many ways over Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies.

The Acolytes, Choir, Greeters, Readers, to the people who helped tidy the Church on Easter Saturday, and those who prepared flowers for the Church, the Altar servers, and the collectors.

And thank you to everyone who joined in and shared our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Heartfelt thanks from Fr Paul.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Bow your head for the following words:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

Then continue:

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Please pray for the sick:

Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Brown,
Jan Burn, John Green, Hilton
King, & Luis Veas.



For those who have died:

Jane Carey (1973), Fr. Peter Hill (1995), Arthur
Crabbe (2000), Pat Baker (2021), Annie Bousfield
(1985), Steven Walsh (2017), Fay Ralphs (2024),
Caterina Mottinelli (1994) & Jeana Powers.

Please also pray for: Stephen Grieff, William Jeffrey
and Paul Emmett who died recently. May they rest
in peace. Amen.

WEEKDAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY
ROSARY & MASS – 9AM

THURSDAY
MASS – 9AM

FRIDAY
MASS – 9AM

ALL WELCOME



ROSTERS...

ACOLYTE

Apr 21 David Astill

GREETERS

Apr 21 Faulkner Family

READERS

Apr 21 Bernadette & Ian Baker

CLEANERS

Apr 20 Michael & Therese Harris & Trisha Dalton

MORNING TEA

May 12 Warren & Teri Shearer & Greg & Sue
Greening

ROSARY STATUE

April Sue Clark

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

Dead Theologians Society recommencing Sunday 21
April, 6pm Albion Park Catholic Church 6:00pm –
8:15pm. Under candlelight, with a background of
Gregorian chant and church incense, we tell the story of
St Therese of Lisieux and her “Little Way” to heaven. A
light meal follows. All welcome.

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