

Welcome to our RCIC First Eucharistic Celebration 2015



Holy Spirit Parish, Ringwood North

Celebrant: Father Shibu Joseph

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
RCIC FIRST EUCHARIST 2015

Saturday 18th April
6.00 pm Mass

Sunday 19th April
10.30 am Mass

<Candidates are listed here>



WELCOME

Entrance Hymn Gather Us In

Introductory Prayers

Penitential Rite

Father: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood.
 Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Father: Lord Jesus, you saved us by your death on the cross.
 Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy

Father: Lord Jesus, you make us sharers in your life.
 Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Gloria (Spoken)

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey

his commandments. Whoever says, “I have come to know him” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Thus it is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.

The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you”. They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures and he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Creed

Prayers of the Faithful

Loving Father, we ask for your blessing on Father Joe and all the priests who serve us. Guide them to be servant leaders who show the world your love and compassion. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for the leaders of the world. Bless them to make wise decisions that build communities and respect the dignity of all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for our teachers in our schools and parish who work so hard to teach and inspire. Continue to fulfil them with enthusiasm and patience as they teach and guide us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for all the RCIC children in our Parish who are making their First Eucharist this weekend. May we be blessed with Jesus' love as we share in this special meal of bread and wine together. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for our family and friends. May they know how important their love and support has been during our preparation for First Eucharist. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for all the devoted people in our Holy Spirit Parish who contribute to the life of our community and make it such a welcoming place to belong. Bless them and help them to continue their good works.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Offertory/Collection Eye Has Not Seen

Invitation to Prayer

Father: Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Children to come forward and face the altar

Eucharistic Prayer II

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Father: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

All Sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your
Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us
the Body and ☩ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will
be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and,
once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith:

All Sing:

**Save us Saviour of the world
For by your cross and resurrection
You have set us free**

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope and Dennis our Archbishop
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
With blessed Joseph, her spouse
with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints
who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Our Father (spoken)

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your Spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Children return to their seats

Lamb of God

Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace

Please be seated or kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Breaking of the Bread

Parents present children to Father to receive Eucharist for the first time.



Communion Song

Come Be In My Presence

Reflection Prayer

LEADER: After Jesus nourishes us in the Eucharist, we are asked to go out to be “bread for the world”. Eucharist calls us to help feed those around us who are hungry. Some people are hungry for food, others are hungry for love, or care, or friendship.

PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for food. They don't have enough to eat.

CHILD: Open our hands, God.
Help us to share what we have with others.

PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for care. They are sad or lonely. They need comfort and support.

CHILD: Open our eyes, God.
Help us to see the needs of those around us.

PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for friendship. They are excluded because others think they are “different” in some way.

CHILD: Open our hearts, God.
Help us to share your love with others.

PARENT AND CHILD: Together, we make a commitment to bring the love of Jesus to those in need. Together, we make a commitment to help those who are hungry for love, care, friendship and prayer. Together, we make a commitment to bring Jesus to the world through our actions and words.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Certificates, Candles and Medals

Recessional Hymn

Lord the Light of your Love

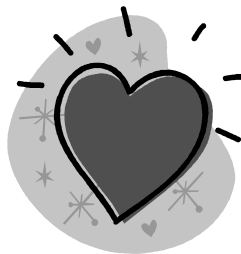
Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me
Shine on me

Chorus:

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your Word Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadow into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me
Shine on me

Chorus



THANK YOU!

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With grateful thanks from your Parish Community

