

'OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US – THE ROAD TO EMMAUS NOW'

HOMILY SUMMARY – 30 APRIL 2017 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

There is no full written account of this week's homily.

A summary is provided and prayer intentions are below.

Today's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 'The Road to Emmaus'.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?

Some might say indigestion, adrenalin, passion.

We might be moved positively by love or negatively by revenge.

WHAT DOES TODAY'S GOSPEL PASSAGE MEAN BY OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?

As we come to understand the New Testament we gain insights

about discipleship and church community from the Gospels and Letters.

For example we could group and compare understandings of faith community in:

- Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles
- Mathew's Gospel and perhaps the Letter of James
- Mark's Gospel
- John's Gospel and Letters of John
- Romans
- 1 and 2 Corinthians
- Colossians and Ephesians
- 1st Letter of Peter
- The Pastoral Letters of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.
- Similarities and differences between Hebrews and Revelation
- Other New Testament letters.

During the homily some insights into each grouping are given.

IN 2017 HOW DO WE LIVE THOSE INSIGHTS IN BALANCE?

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS IF WE LIVE ONLY THOSE INSIGHTS IN BALANCE?

Examples are given.

We see that Jesus in this Gospel passage opens up the Old Testament for the two disciples to understand him.

This takes some time on the journey.

Not just two or three favourite quotes.

We live the faith community understanding,

Not by a closed system of a smorgasbord of favourite quotes,

But with a faithfulness to the Holy Spirit

Prompting us through God's Word and open to God's direction.

With our hearts burning within us in faith, let us examine one urgent issue and take it to prayer.

With the strength of God's Word, let us reflect on the research delivered on the drug ICE at the summit in Rockhampton last week.

Parts of the report are read out.

The dramatic 2016 increase of parent or parents taking ICE, with their children being referred to the Queensland Department.

WE PRAY

For those addicted adults and teenagers and children,
For addicted parents and their children,
For health care professionals and researchers and social workers,
For carers of the children,
For concerned grandparents, extended family, neighbours and community members,
For their faith communities.

We pray for guidance from God, as how we can face these challenges this year
In Queensland and Australia.

We now pause in silence for each of us to pray about other issues and challenges that concern us.

Today's Gospel shows the two disciples recognising Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.
Let us recognise Jesus in this Eucharist.
Let us pray.

Fr. Gerry

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