

## *Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin*

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**3rd Sunday of Easter (B)**

**18th April, 2021**

**Gospel Luke 34: 35-48**

### **HAVE YOU SOMETHING FOR ME TO EAT?**

It seems an extraordinary first request for the Risen Jesus to make of his thrilled but confused disciples. We read in Sunday's gospel, Luke's account of that Easter evening's events.

The two disciples whom Jesus had joined on the road to Emmaus had just reported back to base in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, when Jesus dropped in unannounced. They were delighted to see Him back but were not quite sure that He was really risen. Maybe, it was only a vision. To reassure them, He invited them to touch Him and feel real flesh and bones. Touch is a precious and sacred gift from God to each of us. It is a more profound communicator than any spoken word. It is a treasure to be appreciated, respected and enjoyed. Its absence is one of the great pains of the Covid 19 epidemic. Its restricted presence for caring and healing is more precious than ever.



For some people, to see Jesus eating would be more reassuring that the Risen Jesus was still human as well as divine. Hence the request for something to eat.

The other evangelists do not report these detailed aspects of that evening. Luke may have heard from Mary who was probably with the disciples at the time. Maybe, it was only she understood the impact of these words and actions would have on the disciples and on their future commitment to Him in the future. Maybe, the feminine is more attuned to the needs of others and responds more sensitively and generously to their needs.

Jesus makes the same Easter request to us today through His hungry brothers and sisters here at home and throughout the world.

Would you and I refuse the request of the Risen Jesus?

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Happy Easter time.



**Fr. Tom Clancy**