

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Third Sunday of Easter Year C
First Reading
Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. ‘We gave you a formal warning,’ he said ‘not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.’ In reply Peter and the apostles said, ‘Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’ They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2
(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.
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Second Reading
Rv 5:11-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.
In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten

thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, ‘The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.’ Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, ‘To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.’ And the four animals said, ‘Amen’; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.
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Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-19
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ They replied, ‘We’ll come with you.’ They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, ‘Have you caught anything, friends?’ And when they answered, ‘No’, he said, ‘Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.’ So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’ At these words ‘It is the Lord’, Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, ‘Who are you?’; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he

said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Look after my sheep.’ Then he said to him a third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and said, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. ‘I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.’ In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, ‘Follow me.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
You know I love you
You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: “Lord, you know that I love you.” But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd “my lambs, my sheep.” What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is *to love what God loves*. Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. “For God so *loved the cosmos* as to give the Son.” (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do? Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, “You are the Salt of the Earth.” You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home. He went on: “You are the Light of the Cosmos.” You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: “We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.”
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For the celebration of
the Word and the
Eucharist

Upcoming
events

**Church
Cenacle Prayer Tues @
4.45**

**Saturday Mass will be @
5pm and
run through
winter until October 1st**

**Cuppa With Mary
MacKillop Tuesday May
3rd @10am Lorraine
Page's home
Ph: 0488 722 72**

**Wrap With Love
Wednesday 10th May
To be advised**

**Pastoral Care
Commissioning @ 5pm
Mass 30th April**

**Craft Group - 10am
Thursdays**

**“Enjoy the Good News”
Wednesdays after 9.00am
Mass**

**Adoration Friday @
5.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

PETER PASSES THE TEST

Today's first reading (Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41) gives us a very different picture of our first Pope, Peter the Apostle, from the Peter who denied Jesus three time when his Master was being tried before the High Priest, Caiaphas (Matt 26: 69-76) . That triple denial ended with Peter leaving the courtyard of the High Priest's house and weeping bitterly.

What had changed? Jesus had risen from the dead.

In today's Gospel the apostles have returned to Galilee acting on the message that the women brought back from the empty tomb. "He(Jesus) is going before you to Galilee; it is there you shall see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:7) We can be pretty sure that after the horrific events of the previous Thursday night and Friday the followers of Jesus would have been keen to escape from Jerusalem as quickly as they could.

John nominates five of the seven disciples who fled back to the Sea of Galilee: Peter who decides to go fishing; Thomas the Doubter; Nathanael ('An Israelite in whom there is no guile'); James & John, the sons of Thunder. Not naming the remaining two gives the reader and the listener the opportunity to inject themselves into the story. Remember reading was not a universal skill in the first century AD and most of the early Christians had the Scriptures read to them. The listeners can imagine themselves as the seventh disciple. Let us do the same.

We've spent all night in a tiny boat, fishing and catching nothing. Grumbling. Mulling over what happened in Jerusalem. What's our future? When dawn finally breaks we spot a stranger on the shore. He calls out: "Have you caught anything, friends?" We should have taken notice of that word "friends" but when you're tired, miserable and dispirited you don't pay attention to these things. When we yelled back "NO", he said, "Throw the net out to the right side and you'll find something.."

Well, you know the rest. The stranger was the risen Lord. When we got ashore He had a fire going. There was bread and some fish. That brought back memories of the glory days when He had fed thousands of people. He invited us to breakfast. He took the bread, broke it and gave it to us and the same with the fish. We were dumbfounded. Jesus was back. He lived.

After the meal Jesus took Simon Peter aside and in a scene reminiscent of Peter's treble denial of Jesus, Peter is forgiven and makes a three-fold confession of faith. Peter is confirmed in his leadership. He is to feed his Master's sheep. Today's first reading with Peter emerging defiant after being arraigned before the High Priest and the Sanhedrin bears witness to the fruit of Jesus'

Resurrection and Ascension, namely the coming of the Holy Spirit who ignited an unquenchable fire of missionary zeal in Peter and his fellow Apostles.

Almighty & Eternal God, we implore You, be a constant guide and support for Pope Francis as he continues the task You allotted to Simon Peter to shepherd, steward and renew your wandering flock. This prayer we make through Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the Unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joe Quigley

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions **MAY**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 3rd: 5.30 pm Mass
Wed 4th: 9:00 am Mass
Thurs 5th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 6th: 9.15 am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 7th: 9.00 am Mass, 9.30 am Reconciliation, 5.00 pm Mass
Sun 8th: 9:00am Mass
5:00pm Family & Youth Mass

One Day Retreat

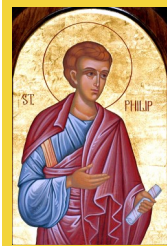
with Sr Catherine McCahill sgs at St Bernard's on Monday May 23rd, 9.15 am registration for 9.30 am start - 3.30 pm

Theme: "The Hospitality of Gratitude and Kindness" Cost=free

BYO Pot Lunch to share.

Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea supplied.

Funded by "Mary MacKillop Today" BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by Monday May 16th Phone Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057 or Carolyn Evenden on 0400 021 119 for further information



SAINTS of the WEEK

Monday 2nd- St Athanasius
Tuesday 3rd- St Phillip and St James

"ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS"
will be resuming Wednesdays after 9.00 am Mass in the church meeting room.
Facilitator: Joe Quigley
Phone 0404 357 744 for further enquiries

USED STAMPS

Please continue to bring your used stamps to the church or let Mrs Desne Manns know on 4472 7746 or 0409 030 383 and she will collect them. They will be sent to Sydney at frequent intervals. Remember, they bring in a huge amount of money for Ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

In 2021 we raised \$34,600

THANK YOU!!



Help Urgently Needed:

Our PC Team Member at Opal will be on Sick Leave **from May 4**. We need people to visit and take HC to 8 Catholics for **two months**. Need current Police Check and/or WWCC.
Phone: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Elderly couple in Sunshine Bay need visitation/HC for two months from May to July during the week.
If you can help please phone Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

FAREWELL

You are **INVITED** to attend a Farewell for Sr Marie on Sunday 1st May after Mass. **A Bacon & Egg Roll breakfast will be served.**

We wish Sr Marie all the best with her move to Wagga and give thanks for her generous spirit that has enlivened our parish community.
All are welcome

DEACON EDEN will be on study leave from Monday 2nd to Friday 20th May

WELCOME TO FR TOM THORNTON

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Tom who is arriving in the Parish this weekend. We hope he enjoys his time with us.

MARIAN PROCESSION

will be held at Cobargo on Sunday 1st May at 2.00pm

Death Anniversaries: Robert Pacion, Mila Bandur, Rowland Heycox, Mary Carter, Joseph Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Terry Parsons, Jade Hammond

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza and Petronila Aballe

Remembering the Sick:

Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evenden, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

ROSTERS

30 APRIL/1 MAY Cleaning

2-6 May Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent
5.00PM MASS note earlier time

Welcomer: D Robinson
Commentator J Quigley
Reader P O'Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers K Lovering
Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator .B Basevi
Reader:
Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page
Computer Screen T Priest.

5.00PM MASS:

Welcomer Volunteer Commentator S Ebejer
Reader: J O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers A Horsfall
Computer Screen M O'Neill
MORNING TEA:
N Beatty

7/8 MAY

Cleaning

9-13 May D & L May
5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: P Jobs
Commentator M Weatherall
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers Y Oerder
Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connellk
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: B Basevi.
Eucharistic Ministers L Rodwell, Cs Schor
Computer Screen T Jackson.

5.00PM MASS:

Welcomer Volunteer Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader: M O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister M Devine
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan
MORNING TEA:
M & C Lowe

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



EASTERTIDE REFLECTION

The known news about Easter is that it is about resurrection. The new news may be that it is not so much about the resurrection of Jesus as it is about our own.

Unfortunately, we so often miss it. Jesus, you see, is already gone from one tomb. The only question now is whether or not we are willing to abandon our own, leave the old trappings behind and live in the light of Jesus, the Christ, whom the religious establishment persecuted and politicians condemned.

The resurrection to which Easter calls us—our own—requires that we prepare to find God where God is by opening ourselves to the world around us with a listening ear. This means that we must be prepared to be surprised by God in strange places, in ways we never thought we'd see and through the words of those we never thought we'd hear.

We must allow others—even those whom we have till now refused to consider—to open our hearts to things we do not want to hear. We must release the voice of God in everyone, everywhere. It means putting down the social phobias that protect us from one another. It presumes that we will reach out to all others.

That will, of course, involve listening to everyone, seeing angels where strangers are, emptying tombs, contending with Pharisees and walking to Emmaus with strangers crying, "Hosanna" all the way.

Easter is not simply a day of celebration: It is, as well, a day of decision. What is really to be decided is whether or not we ourselves will rise from the deadening grip of this world's burnt-out systems to the light-giving time of God's coming again, this time in us.

Then the Easter Alleluia is true: God is surely "with us."

(adapted from Joan Chittister, Easter 2022)

2022 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL - MAY 8TH

Held on the fourth Sunday of Easter each year, the appeal is to raise funds for the education of our seminarians to the priesthood. We are grateful for the wonderful Priests and Religious we have in this Archdiocese and we pray God would always bless and provide for them.

Currently the Archdiocese has two young men in the Lord in training to be our future priests. The money raised will be used to help defray the very considerable costs associated with the many years of academic training and seminary formation served in preparation for priesthood.

Please give generously as all contributions really do make a difference.

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