LITURGY OF THE WORD Third Sunday of Easter Year C First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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.

Second Reading

Revelation 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. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel John 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 fiftythree 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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THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Resumes Monday May 26
at 1.00pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass

Cuppa with Mary MacKillopTuesday 6th May 10-11am @ Mary O'Neill's home Ph: 0403 147 242

Wrap with Love Tuesday 13th May 10-11am BB Library

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove

"Come and Have Breakfast."

When it comes to breakfast, people around the world have developed an astonishing array of rituals and traditions, each reflecting their unique culture, history, and geography. Breakfast isn't merely about satisfying hunger; it's a celebration of life, a way to connect with one's roots, and an expression of love.

In Italy, breakfast is a sweet affair, quite literally. Italians indulge in a "dolce colazione," which translates to a "sweet breakfast." Imagine sipping a cappuccino alongside a freshly baked cornetto (like a croissant) filled with jam or chocolate!

Japanese breakfasts often include a combination of steamed rice, miso soup, grilled fish, and various pickled vegetables, while "Down Under" breakfast wouldn't be complete without a generous slather of Vegemite on toast and a hot "cuppa".

Was it a coincidence then that Jesus prepared breakfast for the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias?

He had prepared a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it and bread ready for them to eat. It was in this most familiar act of love that they recognised their risen Lord. Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them and the same with the fish.

The disciples didn't recognise Jesus at first, his identity became more apparent to them after his actions and after they had spent time with him. It was in this very familiar setting that Jesus asked them to be leaders, to feed his sheep and to do so with love.

He challenged them to a life of service.

Pope Francis spoke extensively on the importance of service. His common theme was that service was not just an action, but a way of life, a core aspect of the Christian faith. He said, "True power is service," emphasising that leadership should be dedicated to the needs of others, especially the most vulnerable.

Before Pope Francis' funeral on Saturday, tens of thousands of dignitaries, pilgrims and tourists had the chance to line up and pay their respects. But in the moments before his casket was interred in a simple tomb at the Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica in Rome, a group of people living in poverty had the final chance to honour him. The Vatican says it was an indication of the "privileged place" that people living in poverty have in God's heart, and in Francis', who spent his pontificate advocating for the marginalised. (CBC News 24.4.25)

"Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples." Pope Francis

In reflection, it may be in our most familiar places and routines that we will also be challenged to greater loving service just like the disciples were challenged that morning on the Sea of Tiberius.

Sharon Beashel - Teacher/ Parishioner

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 5th —Sunday 11th May

Monday 5th: NO MASS **Tuesday 6th:** Mass 5pm Wednesday 7th: Mass 9am Thursday 8th Mass 9am Friday 9th: Mass 9am

Saturday 10th: Mass 5pm Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 11th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

3/4 MAY

Cleaning 5-9 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson Commentator: S Ebejer Reader: P Nolan **Eucharistic Ministers** C Brownlie Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet Commentator L Page Reader: B Basevi **Eucharistic Ministers** N Page & L Stevens Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA: Filipino Community

COUNTERS B Basevi/C Meade

10/11 MAY

Cleaning 12-16 May Favetta/ O'Neill/Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway Commentator: P O'Kelly Reader: J Mackay Eucharistic Ministers Butt Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May Commentator . J Whiteford Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** V & C Burns, Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel

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Two Morning Retreats: 'The Gift of Years -Growing older Gracefully'.

Dates: Morning 1: Tuesday May 27 a Morning 2: Tuesday June 17...topics will differ on each morning.

Time: 9-30am - 12 noon in St Bernard's Church Meeting Room.

Cost= Free:

BYO shared morning tea.

Facilitated by Marie Weatherall and Carolyn Evenden. All welcome ... come to 1 and/or both mornings.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL RSVP by Monday May 19

Marie (m) 0405028057 or Carolyn (m) 0400 021 119.

ARE YOUR LOVED ONES MISSING OUT?

It is harder to get referrals from Aged Care Facilities for those people would would like visitation and HC. At all of the five facilities, we have rostered Pastoral Care and monthly Mass is celebrated if sufficient numbers wish to attend. Families can give us the details of those wishing for a visit.

If in hospital please alert the RN to add your loved one to the Catholic Sunday visitation list.

> Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Ryder Stokes—Sunday 4th May



This week-end we welcome Ryder into our faith community through the waters of baptism.

May God's love and blessings be upon them on this baptism day and always.

LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL Retreat At Galong

Starts 5pm Mass Friday 13th June—lunchtime Monday 16th

(week-end options available) Speakers:

Fr Hugh, Fr Emil, Fr Marco Killingsworth

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Considering Peter's return to fishing, Pope Francis reminds us that Peter had long since left it behind to follow Jesus. The episode shows us how easy it is to return to comfortable routines. 'It can happen to us too', Francis says, 'that, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, we forget the Lord and neglect the great choices we have made, to settle for something else.' Each of us faces the temptation to return to our fishing at some point.

But without Jesus in our lives our nets will always feel empty. Sometimes being busy distracts us from what really matters. Perhaps, Francis says, 'we forget prayer, letting ourselves be wrapped up in our own needs.' Sometimes, he adds, 'we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies.' Here Peter's swim is instructive. Professionally, it makes little sense. He reached Jesus first, yes, but had to return to the boat for some fish! Yet, as Francis reminds us, in plunging into the water Peter shows us that 'love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty.' Peter swam for joy! What we might ask ourselves now, then, is: how can I respond to the call: 'It is the Lord!' Dare we dive in and swim, like Peter, and 'put out to sea again with Jesus'? © Nick Brodie

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

> the joy and peace of our Redeemer

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

The Jubilee Prayer

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with

May that same grace spread

throughout the earth.

Amen.

Remembering the Sick:

Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

Pope Francis Monthly **Prayer Intentions**

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For working conditions

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