

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YrC 1 May 2022

PARISH BULLETIN

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Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am

Saturday night: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am

SUNDAY 5pm YOUTH MASS

(NOT weekly) - ONLY 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month

(Holy hour 3:30-4:30 before 5pm Mass)

Holy Hour / Adoration

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 1st Saturday each month after 9:15am Mass

RECONCILIATION: After 9:15am Mass Wed & after 9:15am Mass Saturday.

NEW YOUTH CLUB - COMING!!!!
QUINN'S PLACE

Keep an eye open for upcoming information.

Video Sunday Mass

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED!

The Parish is in the process of setting up its own livestreaming.

Upcoming Holy Days:

- **Mon 2nd:** St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

- **Tue 3rd:** Sts Phillip and James, Apostles

Coming up this weekend:

First Eucharist Masses for St. Macartan's Primary School Students.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday 8th May



PLEASE RETURN PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES NOW!!!!

EITHER TO THE CHURCH DURING MASS OR THE PARISH OFFICE ON WEEKDAYS.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie and Val Carr.

Death Anniversaries: Rose Parnis and Phillip Hackett.



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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) Alleluia!

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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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. (R.)

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.

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 20:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 21:1-14](#)

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.

Communion Antiphon [Lk 24:35](#)

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



Have you thought? 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples new ministry.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This long gospel text has three movements: the extraordinary catch of fish; the meal on the shore, with obvious Eucharistic overtones; and the dialogue with Peter, which contains his commissioning as leader of the flock. The great haul of fish of so many varieties indicates that the Good News of the Gospel will take root in many nations and bring many converts, but only with the help of the Lord. Alone, they had been unsuccessful!

- What are you able to achieve now that you have the Lord with you?
- The open-air meal indicates that Jesus still nourishes his disciples and evokes the many meals that Jesus shared with his fol-

lowers. In what ways does the Eucharist continue to nourish those who follow the risen Lord? Jesus' dialogue with Peter establishes that love is the basis from which a genuine Christian ministry of service springs. Along with other gospel texts, this passage reinforces the role given to Peter as the future leader of the flock, the one entrusted with the task of caring for the sheep after the Shepherd has gone.

- 'Do you love me?' How might you answer Jesus' question?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- 'It is the Lord.' What moments of joyful recognition have you experienced in the last two weeks?
- Peter literally 'went overboard' in his effort to reach the risen Lord. Share some recollections of times when you have reacted with extreme enthusiasm to something.
- Do you now have a role in leading others to Christ? If so, how can you act on that this week?
- Pray these words with Peter this week: Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias.
- Jesus' triple repetition of his question to Peter, 'Do you love me?' echoes the three denials of Jesus by Peter on the morning of his execution.
- The Greek word for fish, *ichthys*, is an acronym of the Greek words for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. The fish was an early symbol used by Christians to denote Christ.
- The appearance of Jesus to the disciples in last week's gospel occurred in the upper room in Jerusalem where they had celebrated the Passover feast. Here, the disciples have returned to Galilee in the north.
- Early tradition holds that Peter met his death by being crucified upside down in Rome.

SHARING THE TRADITION

- The period between Easter and Pentecost is a time of mystagogy—a time for pondering and coming to a deeper understanding of the experiences of initiation, and a time for catechesis on the sacraments.
- Discuss some of the sacramental overtones contained in this text—for example, the Eucharistic meal, and Peter's diving into the waters to come to Christ. The role of Peter as the leader of the community of believers has been handed down in succession to the popes.
- You could discuss the role of the papacy and the structure of church leadership, with special attention to the ways in which leadership might be viewed as a ministry of service based on love.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The image of the boat is an ancient image for the Church. The enormous catch of fish symbolises the success that the disciples will have in becoming 'fishers of men' and leading people to belief in the risen Christ. The reason for the precise number of 153 remains a mystery.

Pope to Italian teenagers: 'Share your fears and they disappear'

Pope Francis presides over a prayer vigil with thousands of teenage pilgrims from Italy, and urges young people to cast aside all fears and seek Jesus with all their hearts.

By Devin Watkins

A large group of young Italian pilgrims held a prayer vigil with Pope Francis on Easter Monday evening under the banner: "Follow Me." The event marked the first time a large event that was not a Mass was held in St. Peter's Square since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, over 2 years ago. The prayer vigil was organized by the Italian Bishops' Conference (CEI), and saw several teenagers share their experience of trials and the Pope's encouragement and blessing. Some teenagers heard a tell about her suffering at the death of her grandmother and how she eventually understood how to turn her pain into a gift for others. Another girl named Alice spoke about her loneliness during the Covid-19 lockdowns, and how a new friend taught her to view life through different eyes full of hope and joy.



Young people pay price for war

Pope Francis spoke to the young Italian pilgrims about his joy at finally being able to host such a large group in St. Peter's Square after so much time had passed. He recalled his *Statio Orbis* in the Square on 27 March 2020 to pray for an end to the pandemic as a heavy rain fell and people huddled inside their homes out of fear of a tiny pathogen. Now, two years later, the Pope expressed his joy that the joy of Easter has finally filled the Square once again. At the same time, he noted, dense clouds still cover our world, as the pandemic is still with us and a terrible war has broken out in Eastern Europe.

Never lose hope: The Pope then reflected on the Gospel account of Jesus appearing to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after His Resurrection (Jn 21:1-19). He pointed out that the disciples were disheartened after the Jesus' death on Good Friday, and felt that their dreams had been shattered. Yet, as the sun arose while they sat on their fishing boat, the disciples saw a man appear on the shore. John—the "disciple whom Jesus loved"—recognized the Risen Lord. Pope Francis urged the young people to never lose hope, even when all their dreams are shattered and everything seems lost.

Sharing our fears: Everyone is afraid sometimes, said Pope Francis, adding that we must share our fears with those we trust. "When our fears—which dwell in darkness—come to the light, truth breaks forth," he said. "Don't be discouraged: if you are afraid, bring it to the light, and it will do you good." The Pope wrapped up his remarks to the Italian teenagers by reminding them that they have the ability to find the Lord and the Truth. "Are you afraid? Bring your fears to the light; tell them to someone. Are you discouraged? Overcome it with courage, with someone who takes me by the hand."

CHILD SAFETY



Dear Parishioners, during the last few weeks of Easter, school holidays & Anzac Day long weekend, there has been a very welcome & happy increase in the number of families & young children at St Macartan's. During term 2, there will be several class masses on Friday as well as the sacrament of Eucharist & Confirmation for the Year 4's & Year 6's.

The number of altar servers is also increasing with Fr Jude planning another training session this term.

The Visitation Group has increased in number also, with visits to aged care being welcomed.

As we as a caring, catholic community return confidently to practise our faith by gathering together we also need to be aware of the children & young people in our parish that are also becoming more confident & interested in gathering at our church.

As these numbers increase so has the number of our volunteers.

I would like to thank sincerely the parishioners who have applied or renewed their Working with Children Check. There has been a constant stream of visitors into the parish office especially on Fridays applying or enquiring about what they need to update contact details or to check on what they may need to be able to volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is an online application form on our website. Please feel free to make enquires at the office during office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Yours sincerely, Carmel McGrath (Child Safety Officer)

PIETY STORE SHOP HOURS—FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

Reflection Day – Friday 29th April : Open 8.30am – 10.30am

Saturday 30th April Evening Mass – 6.00pm: Open at 5.00pm and after Mass

Sunday 1st May Morning Mass – 9.00am and 11am: Open at 8.00am until 12.30am—closing for each Mass



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Parish Footy Tipping Round 6



This Round seemed the one for some tippers to score 9 and get the bonus point. It would have been so only for the Western Bulldogs losing to Adelaide Crows by a point. Fourteen tippers scored 8 and they all tipped the WB. Everyone bar one tipped WB, except one who failed to put their tips in for the first four rounds. They scored a point for the Adelaide win because Adelaide were the Away team. There was a special prize for ANZAC weekend and it was won by present leader, Goatscats (Geoff Walsh) who had St. Kilda and the correct margin. Well done Geoff. Last year's winner Jack OPSN is apparently after the Kevin O'Brien prize this year as he holds up the list!!! It was interesting to note our tippers had something in common with The Age expert tippers. They had 14 nil Western Bulldogs to defeat The Crows.

HISTORY: Last week we made mention of a famous soldier who became an AFL Coach (St. Kilda, North Melbourne and Norwood) who developed TB of the spine but after 10 months and nearly dying was able to become a top coach, and that was Alan Killigrew. Alan had a great reputation for being a highly motivating coach. It was mentioned that CBC St. Kilda Old Boys' would have many memories of Alan. Well believe it or not I sat next to one at last weekend's mass. He reported how when Alan came that day generously to coach them, that after Alan finished, they were so much on fire they were ready to race out through the dressing shed walls. A number of AFL/ VFA players were made to do National Service. In 1951, the Footscray Club asked the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to allow Ted Whitten leave, to play in the second semi-final and it was granted. However



St Macs Café

St Mac's Café from 6.30pm – 9.00pm every Wednesday.

We are needing donations of prepared meals in medium or large foil trays. Suggested dishes are Pasta Bake, Spaghetti Bolognese and Chicken Curry etc.

We are also needing Volunteers for plating up, serving food and general kitchen duties.

If you are interested, please contact **Bernard on 0419 427 408.**



Jokes of the Week



1) **"Feed my lambs," in the attorney's office:** A priest settled into a chair in a lawyer's office. "Is it true," said the priest, "that your firm does not charge the members of the clergy?" "I am afraid you are misinformed," stated the lawyer. "People in your profession can look forward to a reward in the next world, but we lawyers have to take ours in this one."

2) **The Pope as Chauffeur:** After getting Pope John Paul II's luggage loaded into the limo, the driver notices the Pope still standing on the curb. "Excuse me, Your Holiness," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?" "Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and now that I'm Pope, I'd really like to drive today." Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph. "Please slow down, Your Holiness!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, dear God, I'm gonna lose my license — and my job!" moans the driver. The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. "I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five. "So bust him," says the Chief. "I don't think we want to do that, he's really big," said the cop. The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!" "No, I mean really important," said the cop with a bit of persistence. The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?" Cop: "Bigger." Chief: "The Governor?" Cop: "Bigger." Chief: "The President?" Cop: "Bigger." "Well," said the Chief, "Who is it?" Cop: "I think it's God!" The Chief is stumped, "You been drinking, John?" Cop: "No, Sir." Chief: "Then what makes you think it's God?" Cop: "He's got the Pope as a chauffeur."



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Fr Geoff



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5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Third Sunday of Easter – 30th April & 1st May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7th & 8th May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Alice Fischer

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Sofia Krause, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Bridie Sexton

5.00pm Readers: Jacinta Jolly, Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 14th & 15th May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Amaka Chiezey, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

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