

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 1st May, 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie Glennister, June Murphy, Mark Ryan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Shally Thain, Irene Welsh, Jack Meade, Moira Long, Bob Kirkpatrick, Bryan Lynch Ron Flanagan, Ernie Daniels, Geoff Bruty, Heather Machin, Therese Anderson, Joy Crouch, Pastor Peter Font & Pat Armstrong.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: John Jess

May 8th: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Carita Clancy

May 8th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leader

15th May: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy.

Special Minister

15th May: Gail Hall.

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

May 8th: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

April; 17th – May 8th: Bern Franc & Therese Jess.

Church Grounds

April 17th – May 8th: Bill Franc & John Jess.

Newsletter

May- Angella Gerrard 0439565468

MASS TIMES for Next Week

May 8th Mass 8.30 am

Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

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.

This week we celebrate the 140 year anniversary of the Redemptorists arriving in Australia and the enormous impact they have had on our society.

With very little knowledge of where they were headed, the English superiors selected a small team of Redemptorist pioneers who would form the first Australian community. In January, 1882, these pioneers were given a farewell dinner before they set sail for Australia. Their long voyage was to be a journey of discovery, as would be the years following in Australia and New Zealand.

The leader of the group was Fr Edmund Vaughan, C.Ss.R. He was born in 1827 and was now 53 years of age. On their arrival in Sydney, the then Archbishop was Fr Vaughan's nephew, the Benedictine, Roger Bede Vaughan, who welcomed them with largesse. On board with Fr Vaughan were two Irishmen, Fr Thomas O'Farrell and Fr James Hegarty, who would eventually take the Redemptorists to the Philippines.

The other priest in the group was Fr Henry Halson who had been a miner on the Victorian goldfields. He was received into the Church in Ballarat and then studied for the priesthood in Canada, was ordained in Rome, and a year later joined the Redemptorists in England. This was the second time he would set sail for Australia. Joining the four priests were two Redemptorist brothers from Ireland, Br Laurence Watters, who spent most of his life in Australia and died in New Zealand, and Br Daniel Gleeson, whose nephew, Edmund Gleeson, would later become a Redemptorist and go on to be the Bishop of Maitland, Australia.

All felt the pain in parting, the pain of leaving home and country, but also that of leaving their brother Redemptorists.

This little group boarded the Orient liner *Sorata* bound for Australia, bringing with them a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, blessed in Rome by Pope Leo XIII.

As the Church journeys through the Easter Season, we continually celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. But it's important to keep in mind that the point of this joy is the feast celebrated at Easter's end: the holy feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth and final day of the season of Easter, is a celebration of God the Holy Spirit flooding the hearts, minds, and souls of those who wish to live as members of the Body of Christ.

So Pentecost is the end of Eastertide in two senses. Pentecost is the final day of the Season of Easter. But more importantly, Pentecost is the end of Easter in the sense of being the goal of Easter.

Each Sunday of Easter, in its own unique way, helps us prepare for Pentecost. Jesus' appearances in His Risen Body alert us more and more to the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, of which God calls us to be full members. Today we hear how Christ extended the gift of reconciliation to one of the apostles in a particular way. Like all the gifts that God gives, this gift of reconciliation was given to Saint Peter so that he would be a better disciple of Christ Jesus in his own particular manner.

A Prayer to Live By

*Dear Jesus,
Help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that all my life may be only a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me and be so in me
that every person I come in contact with
will feel your presence in me.
Let them look up and see,
not only me, but also Jesus.*

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

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THE CALL TO NEW LIFE

If the story of Israel and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus teach us anything it is that God always seeks us out in our weakness. God's untiring love and mercy enable us to begin anew, to start again, to dare to believe that we too might come to share in the peace and joy of the resurrection.

In the first reading from Acts, the Jewish authorities are unsettled and disconcerted by the ministry of the apostles and their message. In their fear and rage, they seek to stop them. While they focus on the fact that they are being held responsible for the death of Jesus they fail to hear that they are being called to a new beginning through repentance by changing their minds about Jesus' identity and mission. Despite Jesus' brutal death, forgiveness of sins is possible, a door is open for them if they can take hold of the opportunity. Unfortunately, their fear blinds them and their response is a misguided attempt to discipline and control the apostles and their ministry.

In the Gospel, Peter, who knew the reality of failure and weakness in his life, does not make the same mistake. When he recognises the Lord, he seizes the opportunity. He may have denied Jesus before his death but he will not make the same mistake again. The three questions of the risen Lord painfully call him to come to acknowledge his three denials. Jesus accepts what he can give and calls him to accept a new responsibility for the flock; a new chapter in his life is about to begin.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

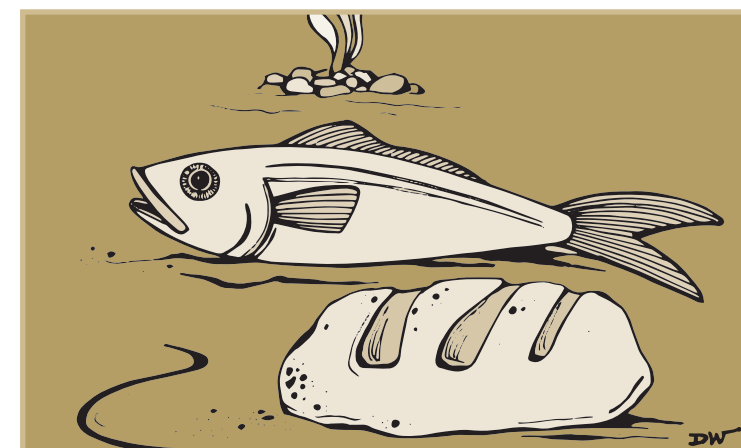
Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (or 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

Apoc 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-14 (Longer form: Jn 21:1-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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