



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C**

1 May 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
may we look forward with hope to our resurrection,
for you have made us your sons and daughters,
and restored the joy of our youth.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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:

**Response: 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. (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: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

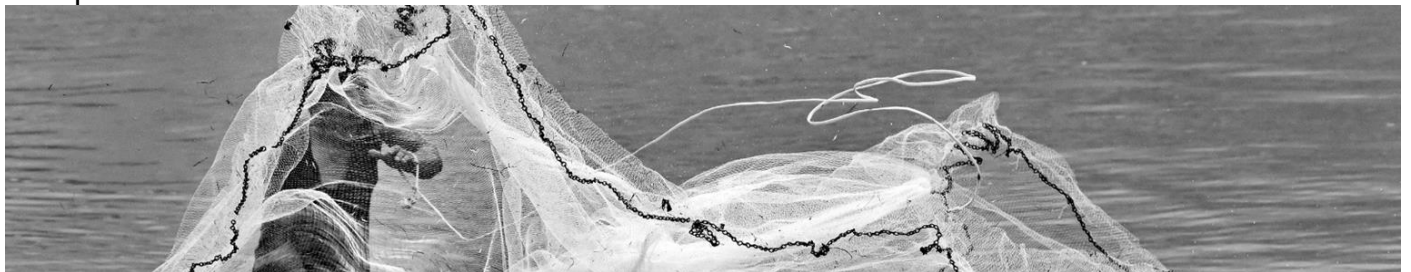
GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.



Reflection on the Gospel of John 21:1-19 by Greg Sunter

This passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for peace-makers in every sphere of human life, that they will defuse hatred and heal division. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christians facing hostility for practising their faith, that they remain bold witnesses to Christ crucified and risen. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for climate scientists, that their positive plans for a healthy planet will be adopted and implemented without delay. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for journalists around the world, that Press Freedom Day (3 May) will renew their dedication to fearless reporting of the truth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are seeking election to federal Parliament, that they will heed the Australian bishops' plea for a better kind of politics. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to all forms of domestic and family violence, that every home will be a haven of respect and peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially especially Ian Vardanega, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers: that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased – Val Laurie... for our own deceased relatives and friends and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will praise the glorious Lamb of God in eternal joy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

look on your people with kindness

and by these Easter mysteries bring us to the glory of the resurrection.

Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: suspended until Mick returns.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

Funeral for Val Laurie: 4th May at 11.00am in St Bede's Church. Fr. Mark will celebrate the Mass.

Fr. Mark Croker's Jubilee celebration in Gungahlin: Fr Mark would really like to celebrate his jubilee with all his Holy Spirit Parish and especially his old friends from earlier parishes as well. I extend an invitation to all those in your parishes who remember his time with them to come to Holy Spirit Parish to celebrate with him at 9.30 am Mass on Sunday, 8 May, followed by a morning tea. Our street address is: 93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo. We would love to see everyone there. Alison Weeks, Chair Gungahlin PPC.

Parish Dinner to Mark Completion of Repairs to the Roof: The dinner will be held at the Braidwood Services Club on Saturday 14 May 7.00PM for 7.30PM, cost \$25 per head. Please RSVP by 6 May to braidwood@cg.org.au or phone 4842 2444. We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will attend to celebrate this occasion to congratulate ourselves. It is a significant achievement! We will have some invited guests to help us celebrate.

Please return your Caritas Australia Project Compassion boxes.

Church cleaners needed. Now that the church has been professionally cleaned, we need to keep it looking wonderful. If you are able to help with this ministry, please contact Helen on 04301 69849. It will be a fortnightly roster at this stage. So far I have two groups who have agreed to clean. It would be nice if we could have another two, so that people are not called upon too often.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 5:27-32,40-41. 2nd: Rev. 5:11-14. Gospel: John 21:1-19.

Readings for next week: 1st: Acts 13:14,43-52. 2nd: Rev. 7:9,14-17. Gospel: John 10:27-30.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Acolyte</u> | <u>Welcomer</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Music/PP</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 30 Apl | Geoff | Cathy F | Wendy H/Germaine | Helen H |
| 7 May | James | Geraldine | Wendy M-B/Anne T | Helen H |
| 14 May | Felix | Helen P | Michael/Cathy F | Helen H |
| 21 May | Geoff | Cathy F | Rod/Bobbie | Helen H |

| <u>Ministries of Service:</u> | <u>30 April</u> | <u>7 May</u> | <u>14 May</u> |
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| Altar Decorating: | Joy | Cathy F | Helen P |

Cleaners: 6 May – Pauline & Rod; 20 May – Helen P & Judith. **volunteers needed please.** Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other, Helen Hart

