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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,
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Mass times

Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

Pray the Rosary

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Wednesday at Midday

Third Sunday of Easter

BELIEVE



If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 5:27-32. 40-41 Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel: John 21:1-19

PARISH DINNER

Our Parish will be holding a special dinner to welcome Fr Mannes Tellis to the Parish on **Saturday 18 May at 6pm in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are welcome to come along to enjoy the evening.**

People whose surnames begin with A to M please bring a main course casserole dish and those with surnames beginning with N - Z a dessert. BYO drinks.

We specially invite our many parishioners from other cultures to bring a dish representative of their culture to share.

PSALM: 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

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.

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.

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.

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

This long gospel has three movements: the extraordinary catch of fish, the meal on the beach 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!

The open air meal indicates that Jesus still nourishes his disciples and evokes the many meals that Jesus shared with his followers. 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 who is given the task of caring for the sheep after the Shepherd has gone.

[The Summit](#)

WELCOME

Welcome to our young students, parents and teachers who will begin preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion. Please join us after Mass for a sausage sizzle and refreshments a chance to meet, greet and catch up.

CANCER MORNING TEA

Our Parish will once again be holding a morning tea to raise money for Cancer Research on **Thursday 23rd May** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research. Everyone is welcome - young and old. Please come and support this parish function and have some fun.

PARISH LIFE

Following on from the murder of 50 Muslims as they took part in Friday prayers at two Christchurch mosques in March, the murder of around 250 people, many of them Christians celebrating the resurrection in Masses in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, one person was murdered and others injured at a synagogue in San Diego on Saturday as worshippers celebrated the last day of Passover. **Article 18 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights** states: "Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have a religion or whatever belief of his [her] choice."

The early Church confronted opposition. In the first reading this week we see how the Church's leadership began giving witness to the events associated with Jesus' death and resurrection and how they dealt with the opposition that began to arise. As Fr Brendan Byrne says in his homily notes: Peter's statement, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men', has set the policy that heroic Christians have followed down the ages.

We pray for all who have lost loved ones or have been injured while exercising their human right to celebrate their religion. We pray for persecuted Christians and the work of organisations such as **Aid to the Church in Need** which is offering support for the Church in Sri Lanka after the Easter attacks.

australiancatholics.com.au

THE DIFFICULTY OF RECONCILIATION

Few, if any, escape the experience of being hurt, of being let down by someone we trusted, even loved. And we are all familiar with our natural reaction to that experience - anger, abuse, followed by that ultimate form of human disapproval - no speaks! And we all know, too, how difficult it is to make up when this happens.

This is Peter's first encounter with the Risen Christ. He must have vivid memories of recent events - his protestation of undying love and loyalty [Mat 26:35] Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." [Mat 26:74] Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!"

Now look at the reaction of Jesus - no reproaches, no reprimands, no "I told you so", no harsh judgements, no warnings about "if you do this again", no bawling out. All Jesus asks for is a reaffirmation of Peter's love. Total generosity and magnanimity of spirit! There are, in life, situations that are irreparable; but, they are few. For the most part, there are many relationships that are broken and could be repaired with a little effort on both sides.

[Fr Noel Tobin, Geraldton, WA.](#)

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill Fr Ellis Clifford, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Maureen Blood, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Laughton, Alexia Harris, Sharon O'Rourke, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Paul Neddrie, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke
Our deceased	John Green
In Memory	Tammy Marchesani

GOSPEL SUMMARY

For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. It seems that the disciples had returned to their former lives - those they had lived before they left to follow Jesus - because they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others. Jesus invites us to follow him in the ordinary ways of our lives. An example of following Jesus can be seen in the reconciliation that transpired between Jesus and Peter.

FOLLOW ME

'Not too many people serve grilled fish for breakfast - smoked maybe, but not grilled. But who would turn it down if Jesus was the one offering it? Bread and fish. Not unlike the meal he earlier served to the large crowd on the mountainside (Jn 6:9-11). Both times he astonished the disciples. Unfortunately we may know the stories too well to be astonished. If this is the case, then we may not understand them at all.

'If the stories about the risen Lord no longer astonish us, the implications of the resurrection in our lives well may. It is not enough to proclaim: I believe! We have all been called to witness to that faith. Whether we realize it or not, our daily lives cry out as loudly as did the preaching of the apostles. This includes our interactions with family members and neighbours, companions in the workplace and sales personnel, even strangers on the bus or train. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus influences the decisions that we make about everything in life. Jesus extends the invitation: "Follow me." Our manner of living reveals how we have responded.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant

INCLUDING YOUTH

Few young people will be told not to preach in the name of Jesus. But they will be told not to act as a follower of Jesus. It won't come as a direct command from a person in authority, but indirectly, perhaps not even spoken. It may come more as a silent insinuation that religion is for the emotionally and socially lame. However, being a part of the victory celebration depicted in Revelation - it is worth making certain we don't throw that away. As we hear in John's Gospel, the risen Lord of all creation appears to his friends on a lakeshore. Jesus prepares breakfast and says, 'Come, have breakfast.' How cool is that!

Celebration Publication

THE MISSION OF EASTER

Third Sunday of Easter.

Fr Robert Gay OP wants us to get excited.

In today's Gospel we hear that when Peter recognized the Lord, he got out of the boat and 'sprang into the sea'. At this point in time we still have that elation of the Vigil, of the Easter alleluia, and it's easy to identify with Peter's excitement. Perhaps we too felt a similar giddiness in the early hours of the morning after the Vigil. Perhaps we felt that somehow the news that Christ is risen had made just a little more impact this year.

After Peter's elation comes the calm, a certain normality resumes, even in the presence of the risen Lord. The disciples and Jesus have breakfast, just as we have gone on doing the normal things of life, mundane things that seem somewhat removed and unaffected by the elation of Easter. But of course, this is no ordinary breakfast.

If we cast our minds back, we remember that we watched Peter deny Christ three times. Here, he makes three professions of love, three confirmations of his faith. I wonder if we can identify ourselves with Peter's Easter journey? We're people who, on some occasions, have denied the Lord. We have said and done things which say 'I do not know Him', rather than 'I love him'. Here we are now, in Eastertide, and we too have the chance to put right our past wrongs, by saying that we love the Lord. And we can do much more than that; we can do what he asks of us. When Peter says yes to Jesus, he's immediately given a mission. Likewise, part of the growth for us as Christians is not just that we stop denying the Lord in various ways but also that we say that we love the Lord and that we act out that love, by accepting the mission that Christ gives us.

But the mission might take us to places that we would rather not go. It is clear from today's Gospel that Peter will be required to undergo a similar death to the one which Jesus suffered. Most of us will not suffer a similar fate, but nevertheless we may well end up outside our 'comfort zone'. If we find ourselves in such a situation, then we need to take courage by looking back to the excitement of the news of the Resurrection.

It's this excitement that will bring us alive in the face of the challenges of the mission. We have the mission and we carry it out because Christ has risen, and nothing could be more important than that. Perhaps the most striking thing about this passage is not found in Peter's confession with his tongue, but in his actions when he recognizes the Lord, in the fact that he got out of the boat and 'sprang into the sea.' Discipleship doesn't just require us to be able to say we love the Lord. It means sharing in Peter's excitement about the Resurrection. We need to have that same elation as Peter, the elation of realising that sin and death have been conquered.

If this reality sinks in that little bit deeper in us, what effect might it have on the more mundane aspects of our lives? Shouldn't it make us look at things differently? The good news of the Resurrection raises us out of the pickle we so often get ourselves into, renews our whole being, and gives us a mission. Let's get excited about what the Resurrection has done for us, and go out into the world and let that good news spread.

Fr Robert Gay OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

PETER'S CHOICE

The balance of the reading addressed Peter's denial of Jesus before his death. The Risen Lord asked Peter three times about his devotion; three times Peter professed his love for the Lord; three times, Christ instructed Peter to feed the followers. Confirming Peter's choice, Jesus used an old proverb as a prophecy for Peter's death; when he was young, he was free, but now he has made his choice, he must live with the consequences of that choice. Like Peter, a Christian's life of faith and service leads to death (to the world) and a new life (in Christ and his community).

No matter whether the believer is new or old, a pew sitter or a leader, the call of Christ is the same: "Follow me." Following Christ means evangelization and life in the community. Are we, like Peter, spreading the net for new believers and professing a true love for our Saviour? Or are we on the sidelines watching others doing the work of the Church?

Larry Broding

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email, phone or in writing if you would like to book a Mass Intention, Memorial Mass, Baptism, and use of the Parish Centre a minimum two weeks notice is required. For Wedding bookings six months notice is required. **If you DO NOT book through the Office we cannot guarantee your request.**

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday 9am** of that week.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday 10am-1pm** in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet the **third Thursday** of each month Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our friends and newcomers welcome.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For information - Letty 0418 518 033

CARE OF THE SICK If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please let the office know.

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON**

TUESDAY Please contact Jacquie in the office
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE - The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

Catholic Bishops' Federal Election Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement "Politics in service of peace: A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election". The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

A drop of love can bring an ocean of tears.

EVENTS

1 May to 26 June - NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

A free seminar for all who want to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus. Speakers include Fr Milat, Fr Lemewu, Fr Sanna. From 7pm - 9pm each Wednesday evening for 9 weeks. The Parish Room, St Peter Chancels, Yarralumla. For more information, call Neda 0415 266 019 or Susanna 0419 902 293.

8 May - GUINNESS AND GOD

Lana Turvey-Collins, Nathan Ahearn and Theresa Corson share their own encounters in the Church, discuss what it means to 'Belong'.. Live music, drinks and dinner from 6:30pm, with the discussion and Q&A from 7:30pm. Contact youth@cg.org.au for information.

8 May - SUMMER IN THE FOREST

A film about Jean Vanier (founder of L'Arche) screening in Canberra at the Capitol Theatre Manuka, starting at 7pm. L'Arche, screening on 8 May is part of a limited national release. Please book ASAP via www.summerintheforest.com.au - Canberra screening tab.

11 May - AMICUS

Saturday 11 May Lanyon Homestead Tharwa Barracks expresso Bar & Eating House meet at 12 noon for lunch at table booked in name of AMICUS followed by a tour of the historic homestead. RSVP Contact Lyn 0400 265 926

7-18 June - TEN DAY RENEWAL IN THE YEAR OF LUKE

Join Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM, an Australian biblical scholar, as she leads participants in an exploration of mercy, compassion and release in the Gospel of Luke at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Bookings: 02 6380 5222 or info@stclement.com.au

YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION

Are you a young adult? Do you want to be employed on a year of formation and mission? We want to invite you to become a Youth Minister in 2019 across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit cgyouthministry.org.au/youthministers or contact youth@cg.org.au

CHURCH IN SRI LANKA

You would be aware of the tragic situation that unfolded in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. The horror of the suicide bomb attacks has ricocheted across the globe. If you would like to support the rebuild and heal the wounds of the Sri Lankan Church offerings for the Church can be made online: www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka or deposited into ACN's account: BAB: 012321 Account number: 008601759 Your donations are very welcome.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
A service jointly hosted by:
St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Rosary Church,
& Holy Cross Anglican Church
On Sunday 9th June at 6pm.



ROSTERS 11 / 12 May 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	J. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Webb Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brothosodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrisse	
EMOE	C. Mackay	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley