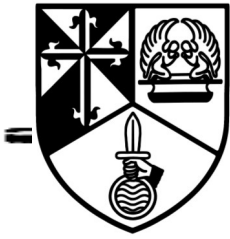


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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

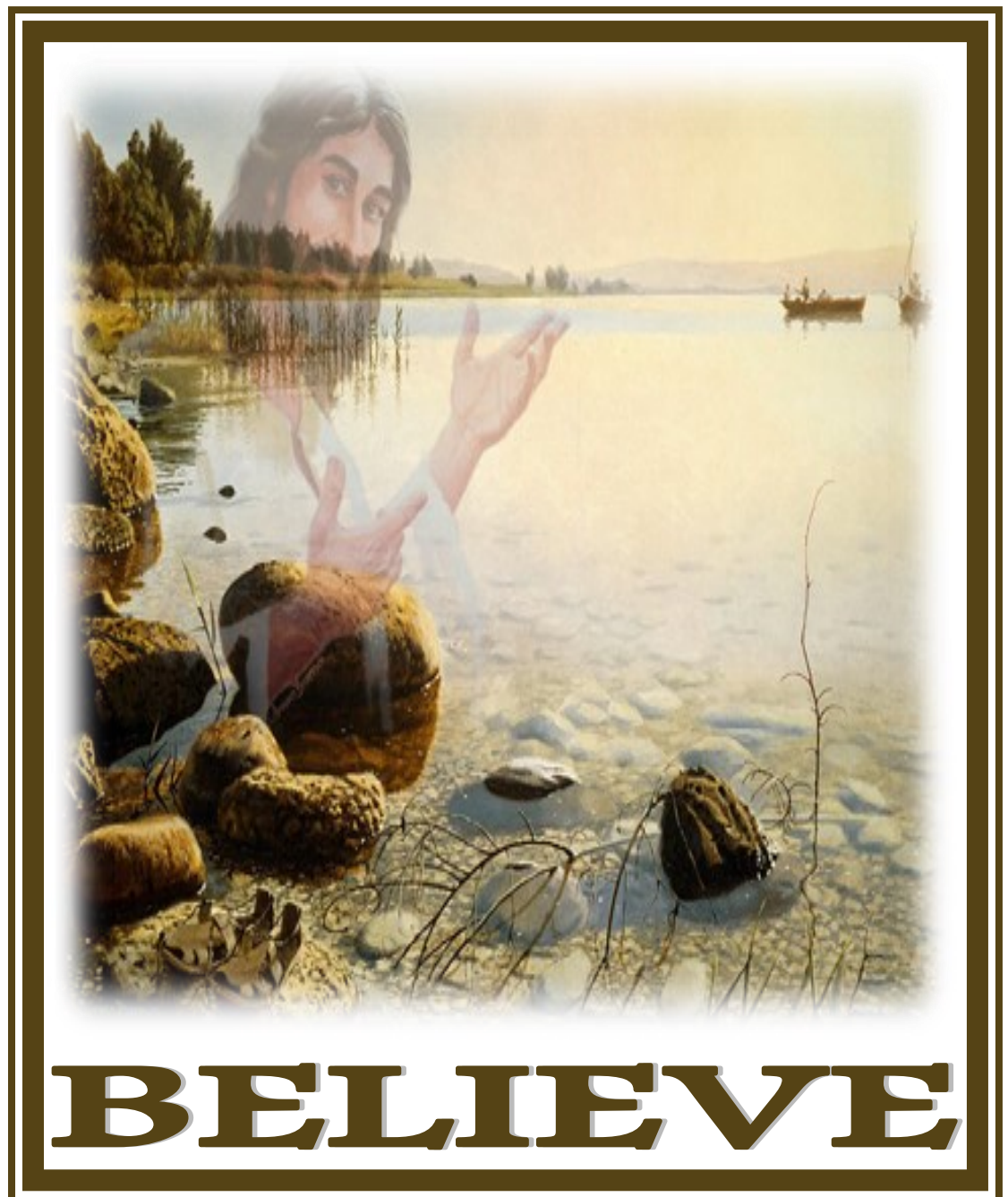
**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# Third Sunday of Easter



# BELIEVE

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
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PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Acts 5:27-32,40-41

A reading from the Act 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 29(30):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.  
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.  
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

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.

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

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Revelations 5:11-14

A reading from the book of 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

**Cont...**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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation

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

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 21:1-19

A reading from the book of 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

**Cont...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.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - Cf. Jn 21: 12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them,  
alleluia.

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## THIR SUNDAY

The Christian celebration of Easter may be over for another year but the story of the Resurrection continues. Resurrection is the theme for this year. The scripture reflection for this week asks us to praise the Lord for all the signs of Resurrection around us. Indeed, after two years of isolation and truncated celebrations, it was wonderful to attend Easter services in person – truly a Resurrection for the community of the faithful.

Monday we commemorated Anzac Day, which this year has had special poignance. 'Untangling the cords of Anzac Day', was a time to meditate on war and to honour the suffering and courage of those who have been required to serve in it. Anzac Day is a time for poetry, a time to speak, and a time to keep silent'.

## FORGIVENESS COUNTS



Occasionally we stuff up, hurt others by our false relationships or just act from selfish motives. In religious language we call this sin. Sin is the breaking of our relationship with God and often with others.

Our gospel reading today shows us the disciples in the aftermath of Jesus' death, they are dejected, lost. What do they do? Go fishing! It seems after all the hope Jesus promised them, life just goes on. They all go back to their regular jobs, nothing seems to have changed.

But then Jesus appears on the shore. Peter is one of the first to see Jesus and jumps out of the boat-It is the Lord! Yet there is something Peter has to do, and that's apologise.

You may remember that at the last supper when Jesus tells his friends someone will betray him Peter is the first to vouch his loyalty to Jesus come thick or thin. Yet, Jesus knew, and told Peter, that he would also act like a coward and disown him, not once but three times. Now Jesus is back, but is he back for revenge? No, Jesus doesn't act like that.

Jesus knows that Peter needs a second chance, like we all do, and perhaps a third and a fourth. Jesus is prepared to give that to him when he asks Peter if he loves him.

**Cont...**Notice Jesus asks three times, this is done so as to make up for the threefold denial. But there is more. Peter receives a gift, but also a penance, and that is leadership of the small Christian community Jesus will soon leave behind. Jesus puts Peter in charge and hence we see Jesus creating the papacy or the Petrine ministry for the Church. Jesus says to Peter feed my sheep, feed my lambs. This feeding, in the original Greek text, actually also means oversee or look after as well.

So from sinner, Peter becomes the Church's first leader, or as we now call him-the Pope. It is a new beginning for Peter and this links in with the whole idea of Easter, the idea of new beginnings. Jesus' death destroys the enmity between God and man, we can have a relationship with God, by Christ's death we can now enter heaven. Yet it is in the caravan of the Church that we make this way to heaven and Peter still drives that caravan in the form of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Let us pray then today that each of us may take on this new beginning in our lives this Easter. Let us also be mindful of that fact that with God we always get another chance even if we've stuffed up. And lastly it may be worthwhile to also pray for the man who holds the position of Peter amongst us today, that he may be strengthened in time of trial and that he may lead Christ's church in fidelity and courage.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes OP

## A NEW FIRE!

*Third Sunday of Easter.*

*Fr. Alan O'Sullivan OP preaches on the encounter between the disciples and the risen Lord at the Sea of Galilee.*

Galilee is where Jesus would have met his disciples for the first time. He was the *stranger* who appeared from nowhere, calling to them, "Follow me!" They left their nets and their fishing to do just that. Now they had returned to Galilee, their own country, to their wooden boats. Peter announces, "I am going fishing." The others say, "We'll come with you." They fish all night but have caught nothing before Jesus appears to them on the shore.

Again he appears as a stranger. It is dawn: the sun is rising, beginning to break through on the little company of fishermen, who have caught nothing. "Have you caught anything, children?" he shouts cheerily. He is more awake than they are! "Throw out the net on starboard and you'll find something!" He is also a better fisherman! The eyes of the beloved disciple are opened by the sudden revelation of the fish: "It is the Lord!" he shouts, like a prophet.

Peter springs into action, always doing the daft thing, diving into the sea like a madman! After all, love is daft, and dafter still - the stranger standing on the shore *is* Jesus! He was crucified in Jerusalem, but rose from the dead on the third day! Only a fool would believe it! Or perhaps a few fisherman - a carpenter from Nazareth had risen from the dead! He was with them now, like a stranger on the shore, as it had been in the beginning.

Now it was all beginning again, but in a new way. The Lord invites them to "Come and have breakfast." A charcoal fire is lighting with bread and fish on it. After breakfast the Lord turns to Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." He need not have asked - he knew Peter loved him - but he does, a second, and a third time!

The friendship with Peter had begun in Galilee. He had called him from his nets and fishing *to be with him*. The love had begun there too - the love of friendship, the gift

**Cont...**given from above. "You did not choose me, no I chose you, to go out and bear fruit!" Only love bears fruit. It does so in Jerusalem, where the Lord is crucified and Peter denied him three times. The love of Christ for Peter was shown upon the Cross, in a bloody agony. Peter's heart had flushed with sorrow. It was too late! The Lord whom he loved was bludgeoned to death, lying innocent on the floor of the tomb, his body limp.

Now he was *alive!* suddenly among them on the shores of Galilee! There is a new fire lighting in Peter's heart! It is the fire of the resurrection! The Lord lights the fire by *forgiving him* ... three times ... for each and every failure! He does so in Jerusalem ... on the Cross. *Love covers a multitude of sins.*

This is a morning of the resurrection! The friendship begins again. It is the fire of Easter! It lights in Peter's heart. It lights in every heart where the Paschal candle is lit! It is the flame of love! The fishermen carry it in the boat: it is an eternal flame! It can never be extinguished!

Peter will carry it to Rome eventually. As an old man, he will be girded by the soldiers of Nero, and made to climb. He will be crucified with his feet upward - his own request, being so unlike his Master! His face will be low to the ground: the dust of men! In his heart ... the shore of Galilee, the voice of Christ speaking to him, yesterday, today, and forever. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." *Feed my sheep!*



Perhaps this week we, too, can praise the Lord for all the signs of resurrection around us, as we see the mystery of his Passion and resurrection in our world. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, and especially Ukraine.

## MARY, QUEEN OF THE MAY

May has traditionally been a month of special devotion to Mary, the mother of God. Over the centuries, different traditions developed in different cultures. Processions singing hymns to Mary and carrying flowers often ended at a garden shrine where Mary was crowned, to the hymn "O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May." Many families still have a May altar to Mary in the home, with a picture or statue, flowers and a candle or two to light when the family say prayers. Many flowers have become associated with Mary, and the tradition of a Marian garden can be traced back to the seventh century in France. We have our own beautiful Marian garden - the rosary of red and white roses in front of the main entrance to what was the Monastery. For the five Sundays in May, we will be singing a Marian hymn after Communion at the 10 am mass, in honour of Mary. Father Mannes will also lead the *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven), proper to the Sundays of Easter, before the final blessing.

## PARENTS & BUBS ALPHA



Do you want to grow further in your faith? Do you want to meet other local parents? Then why not give Alpha a try. Please join us in the Parish Centre, 10am Friday mornings from 6 May for coffee and croissants as we explore the person and message of Jesus Christ. Babies and toddlers welcome. For more information contact Emily on emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.

**St Clare's College** - Try a Day Wednesday 4th May, Open evening Thursday 5th May. Register - College website.

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Denis Lawrence, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Jim Smith, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Bregitta Theresia Avil Bangun, Eugene Lipinski, Tony Saunders, Patricia Brown

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

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

**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

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church Office

## ROSTER 7 / 8 May 2022

<b>Saturday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - M. Tran
	Reader - P. Farrelly
<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	- Acolyte - K Linard
	Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson
<b>Sunday 10.00am</b>	- Acolyte - R. Tanzer
	Reader - C. Rheinberger, A. McCarthy
<b>Sunday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
	Reader - J. Schwinghamer, T. Malone

## CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. Why not join us and spend some time reconnecting with your God. Please note, subsidies are available for those experiencing financial difficulty.

**WESTERN WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND 12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong** for further information contact Dianne Franks at dmfranks@bigpond.com or Mob: 0418619740