

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.'

'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.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illuminated their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish
 Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:
 Old Missal: 704 New Missal: 794



Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

5 May 2019

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

**(R.) 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 Rv 5:11-14

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

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.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

SICK:

Shirley Anne Carandang; Frances Dawson; Brian Couacaud; Jimema Bucao (Filippines); Sofia Di Pietro; Primrose Busary; Joel Abordo; Margo Trajkovski; Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Giuseppe Amore; Antonietta Furci; Nunziatina Tiralosi (America); Brendan Brennan (Ireland); Pinuccia Iaia (Italy); Maria Catena Barbante; Josip Jelincic; Frank Portaro; Giovanni Tomasello; Maria Lombardo; Robert (Bob) Missen; Sr Carla Sardo (asjm Italy); Pasquale Morgillo; Sebastiano Tabacco; Agata Prochilo; Leonard Bennet (Fr Greg Bennet's father); Josephine Parnis.

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:

Ferdinando Ippolita (1st); Aldo Bottari; Mario Cecchini; Angelo Scapin; Damiano Fratangelo; John Baker; Louis & Cijju Vella; Vincenzo Petrarca; Antonietta Ragozzino; Andrea Angelone; Antonio Accaputo; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Sebastian La Mari; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Frank Giunta; Charlie Sciberras; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Victor Apap; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo, Rita & baby Michael De Bono; Maria Moore; Maria & Francesco Falzon.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY
Funeral Mass **Giuseppe Amore** 10:30am
TUESDAY 9:15am
WEDNESDAY 9:15am
followed by Adoration & Benediction
THURSDAY 9:15am
FRIDAY 9:15am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY
Vigil 6:00pm
SUNDAY
English 8:00am, 9:30am
Italian 11:00am
Vietnamese 12:30pm

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:
Pledged: \$3,004 Received: \$2425 Shortfall: \$579
Presbytery: \$1,890 Loose: \$858

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND

Our children are preparing for their First Eucharist by attending the 6pm & 9:30am Enrolment Mass
BAPTISM: Babies Lewis Holmes & Amelia Nguyen

MAY OUR CHILDREN FLOURISH - Our Parish ensures that it is the responsibility of all adults to create a safe and positive environment for our children.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Flower pick up: S Pherdy
Flower arrangement: H Baker
Sacristy: G Petrecca
Hospital Communion: Team 4: A Hickey, T Proctor
V Piperno

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE:

Rosters for May commence THIS weekend:

Readers:

6:00pm: D O'Prey, J Hili

8:00am: H Baker

9:30am: C Rizzi, N Vetro

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00pm: C Fabri, M Mifsud, J Vassallo, M Mondo

8:00am: M Anile, W Schoch

9:30am: R Delac, G Condro, S Raviola, J Batten, D Conidi,
M Soccio

Counting Team: D & P O'Prey, A Murray

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday 19th May 1pm, come and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Letters are at the back of the church listed in alphabetical street order – please take yours today.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT will commence THIS weekend and continue during the month of May.

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

CAR REQUIRED: Deacon Simon Prospero would like to have the use of a car during his time with us in the parish. Even if you can let him use the car for a short time would be helpful. Please ring the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:


Flower arranger for 4th & 5th Saturday of the month.
Sacristy duties for 2nd and 5th Saturdays of the month.
Please contact the Parish Office on 9337 6016.

LEARN TO PRAY: Commences Monday 6th May 7pm in the Parish Meeting room. Prayer and Life Workshops is an apostolic service for all, that deepens individuals spiritually and brings people closer to God through the art of prayer. For more information please contact:
Sr Cres 0405 583 227, Fr Litoy 0404 261 228 or Rolly 0410 501 233. Website: www.tovpil.org

BIBLE SHARING with Deacon Simon

Tues 7th May in Parish Meeting Room after 9:15am Mass

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

 "Be still and know that I am God" Ps 46:10
10am-11am 13th & 27th May; 10th & 24th June in Pastoral Centre. **All Welcome** – who wish to deepen their practice and knowledge of Christian Meditation. Contact Clara Rizzi 0403 153 346 for further information.

DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY



Every Monday 2.30pm in the Church.
All Welcome.

AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

Melbourne Catholic Mag. April Issue 'Hope'. Good article by Fr Gerard Dowling. \$4

Australian Catholics Summer Edition

2019/20 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1st June 2020.

THANK YOU for helping to raise \$518 so far.

NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE:

Excellence Scholarships available for year 7 in 2021.

Registration closes Wednesday 5 June 2019.

Scholarship exam date is Saturday 15 June 2019. To find out more visit College website www.columba.vic.edu.au

AVE MARIA COLLEGE: Year 7 2021 Enrolment

Applications close Friday 23rd August 2019.

Excellence Scholarships available for years 9 & 11 in 2020. To find out more visit College website www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

This month's session is about Palliative Care.

Signs of Hope 2019 – Caring... when there is no cure.

When: Tuesday 21st May

Where: Club Italia, Furlong Rd, St Albans

JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA! CHOSEN Conference

Unforgettable 4 days of faith discovery and fellowship with a line-up of amazing speakers, praise & worship rallies, workshops, live theatre and music performances. 4 – 7 July 2019. Sacred Heart Girls College, Hughesdale. info@chosenconference.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER AUSTRALIA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is for couples with sound marriages who want to take their relationship a step further and enrich and/or revitalize their marriage. It is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living. Starts 7pm Friday and ends 5pm Sunday. Dates: May - 2 June 2019; 23 - 25 August 2019; 15 - 17 November 2019

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

2019 Celtic Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland 27th November - 11th December with singer Maria Forde. Details: www.mariaforde.com