

## Third Sunday of Easter Year C

### 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.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.**

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.**

### Gospel Acclamation

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

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John

Jn 21:1-14

***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. 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**

### Communion Antiphon : Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Next week's readings:

**First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3**

**Second Reading: Rv 7:9, 14-17**

**Gospel Jn 10:27-30**



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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Third Sunday of Easter Year C - 1st May, 2022

The liturgies of these Easter Sundays constantly place the risen Lord at the center and do so according to the different perspectives of the New Testament writings we proclaim. Even today we could ideally put three testimonies in a triptych. The first is the evangelical one evident in the final lines of the chapter 20 of John's gospel, which is a real conclusion that puts an end to the gospel: "Many other signs Jesus did in the presence of his disciples, but they were not written in this book. These were written, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and so that, by believing, you have life in his name" (20:30-31).

But to this kind of "end" of the Gospel here is added another chapter and another story that has at its center a solemn apparition of the Risen One along the shores of Lake Tiberias. Christ intervenes in three successive moments: there is the scene of the miraculous catch of fish which has the value of a sign of the effective presence of the risen Lord; there is the banquet of Christ with his disciples, a sign of communion and intimacy; finally, there is dialogue with Peter, a sign of the Church's mission. It is a vivid representation of the figure of the Risen One in his effective action, in his closeness to the faithful, in his real presence in the Church through the apostolic ministry. We are therefore faced with an experience that we too can repeat every time Christ makes himself known with his signs of love distributed throughout history, every time he breaks the Eucharistic bread with us, every time in the Church, he offers us his Word and his salvation through priestly ministry.

If we continue in our contemplation of the triptych, the face of Christ appears before us as it is painted by the testimony of Peter in front of the Sanhedrin. That Creed Peter professed before the tribunal. A creed centered on the resurrection expressed in a double language. On the one hand, it speaks explicitly of the "resurrection": "The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed." The term "resurrection" emphasizes the continuity of life and presence of Jesus: he is not replaced by another; he is not a ghost neither is he ghostly survival. This, therefore, calls for faith in the continuous historical closeness of the Risen One; also, in the gospel passage faith in the resurrection and real presence was underlined through the sign of the meal Jesus shared with the disciples at the table on the shoreline of the lake.

Again, Peter uses another expression to indicate the Passover of the Lord, an expression dear to John and Paul: "God raised him up with his right hand making him Head and Saviour." The "elevation" or "exaltation" or "glorification", emblematically represented in the ascension to heaven, demonstrates that the Risen One cannot be reduced to a normal, experimental, immediate experience: he belongs to the "Above", that is, to the sphere of the divine in which he returned after his passage among us. He is really present, yes, but mysterious; experimentable, yes, but through active faith; operating but above all in the secret of history and existences. "Resurrection" and "elevation" are the two faces of Christ's Passover, they are the signs of his closeness and of his mystery. To have a full and direct experience, it is therefore necessary that the faithful also arrive in the glory to which they are called and led by Christ himself. And this is the value of the third picture of the triptych, the one drawn from the passage from the Apocalypse that we read today. The whole heavenly court is summoned to celebrate the liturgy of the immolated and glorious Lamb, that is, of the Paschal Christ. Around the Father and the Son in the colossal celebration of blessed eternity, the almost infinite circle of angels and righteous people widen, described with an "innumerable" number. The celestial vault is full of singers who sing the hymn of perennial praise. Our Easter liturgies are almost an anticipated reflection, a glimpse of that perfect adoration to which we will then be called. A single voice, a single praise that rises to God and Christ and waits to become perfect and eternal. Because, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "we now see as in a mirror, in a confused way, but then we will see face to face" (1 Cor 13:12).

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## REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Recent deaths:** Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Lee Walsh, Silvia Schnelbrieder, Frank Carville, Kathleen Boyle, Fr. James Kierce PE, Koen Goederee, Gregory Pappa, Lucia Falcone, Maria Eyssens, Martha Grainger, Bob Smart.

**Prayer for the deceased:** Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

### Auditions and Rehearsal Dates and times

**Venue: St Benedict Halls**

#### Auditions

7<sup>th</sup> of May 2pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6pm

Auditions are for 15 minutes time slots.

**Please note there is a Party at 3pm to 5pm**

**All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.**

#### Drama Classes and Rehearsal

4th of June Saturday

Drama Classes: 1:30 to 3pm

Rehearsal : 3pm to 5pm.

#### 9th of June Thursday

Drama classes: 8pm to 9:15pm.

(Please note available on zoom )

All cast members are all welcome to join Chorus Rehearsals

Please contact Von with any questions 0423 886 984

**4th of June Saturdays Drama classes: 1:30pm and 3pm**

**Rehearsals : 3pm and 5:30pm**

## Positions Vacant



### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – East Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**Property Administrator** – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract

**Senior Content Producer** – (East Melbourne/ Flexible Working Arrangements)

**Creatives Officer** – (East Melbourne/ Flexible Working Arrangements)

**Digital Communications Officer** – (East Melbourne/ Flexible Working Arrangements)

**Retail Shop Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral** – (East Melbourne/ Part time)

**Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral** – (East Melbourne/ Part time)

### Catholic Development Fund – East Melbourne

**Continuous Improvement Specialist** – Client Services Group

**Executive Manager, Client Experience**

### Parish Positions

**Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's - Mornington**

**Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor**

**Parish Administration Coordinator, St Albans**

**Personal Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava**

**Funeral Coordinator, St Paul's Church – Bentleigh**

**Administration Assistant, St Ignatius & St James, Richmond**

**Pastoral Worker/ Sacrament Co-ordinator, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish - Narre Warren**

**Administration Assistant - St Ignatius and St James – Richmond**

**Parish Secretary – St Christopher Parish, Syndal**

### Catholic Archdiocese of Sandhurst – Bendigo

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>

**Youth Ministry Officer, Bendigo**

### Other roles within our Archdiocese

**Health Care Assistant, Brigidine Sisters, Community & Residential Centers**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hrrad-min@cam.org.au](mailto:hrrad-min@cam.org.au)



## A chance to say thanks

As we emerge from COVID and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites the community to come together in gratitude to all those who have cared for us during this time.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially members of the aged and healthcare service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care, and to focus prayerfully on the contributions and the needs of aged and healthcare workers in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

## Good Shepherd Sunday 2022

### 1 May (Third Sunday of Easter)

Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

### Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

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[www.vocationmelbourne.org](http://www.vocationmelbourne.org)

## Baptism

Let us welcome **Matilda Grace Robson and Margaret Louise Rose** into our faith community as they are going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May they be richly blessed throughout their lives, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation on 28th May

**St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave at 12pm**

**St. Paul's Church, Monbulk at 2pm**

**Celebrant: Rev. Fr. E.V. Tony Kerin**

The parent and child workshop starts on Tuesday 26th April to 17th May at Parish office meeting room at 6.30pm. To enrol, please contact the parish office during office hours.

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## First Holy Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook

Congratulations to **Aidan McCrohan, Maximus Jacob Willis and Dylan Jaden Perera** who will be receiving the First Holy Eucharist on 1st of May.



## "NOW IS THE TIME TO PRAY"

Traditionally devotion to Mary, the mother of God was widely practiced but these days certain devotions have waned.

May is the month of Mary so we want to encourage everyone to renew the practice of Devotion to our Lady through the Holy Rosary.

You can do this by recommending the **Daily family Rosary**, perhaps just a decade to start with, but bringing the family together to pray for the following:

- World Peace ( we are in a critical time in History)
- Family Peace and personal peace.

And a return to God the many who have abandoned Him.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at St Thomas More's: May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9am Mass** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Holy Rosary** commencing 5 minutes after Mass.

**Exposition** continuing until 10.30 for those who wish to stay.

If you are not already practicing this devotion we invite you to do so. You will not only have Our Lady's great promise of all the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of your death, but you will also receive many other graces throughout your life by carrying out this devotion. Just google the 15 promises for those who have devotion to the 5 First Saturdays.

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