

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41*

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

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

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

*5: 11-14*

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!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

*20:19-31*

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

*Gospel reading continues overleaf...*



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## 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

*Lord Jesus, You appeared before Your  
followers as the Servant of Servants.  
Help us to imitate Your Risen Life in  
our world today. Put Your Spirit in us  
so that we may show Your goodness,  
concern & care to people everywhere.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE WORD...

Three times Peter is asked if he loves Jesus. Perhaps Jesus is referring Peter back to his bitter shame, when he denied Jesus three times. Jesus is saying, just checking, just making sure! If you are going to be leader of the flock then much is demanded. Peter is a role model, he denied Jesus, but his joy at seeing Jesus sees him jump into the water in today's Gospel. It shows him filled with zeal, speaking about the word of God, and sharing the good news with whoever he met. Despite his obvious flaws and mistakes and failings and short comings he still follows Jesus, he still takes his lead from Christ. Christ directs his life, and in that, Peter is a role model for us flawed sinful individuals. We can feel the gaze of Jesus upon us and his words do you love me? Are you sure, just checking, because you are not always showing it.

There are times in our lives when the darkness of sin or selfishness or self-pity or regret or anger or hatred or prejudice or malice surfaces in our living. There are aspects of who we are that obscure the light of Christ so that Christ has to ask us again do you love me? Easter is the miracle that enables us to examine our living in the light of Christ. Easter allows us to see how Jesus' light penetrates our being and sheds light on the darkness of our sin. The Easter season is a season for realizing that the impossible has already happened! Jesus has risen from the dead and because of that our lives are not the same anymore. The direction our lives are heading is heavenward and therefore our preoccupation is with heavenly values and cultivating them now as we live. When Jesus asks us do you love me? He is pointing us in the right direction our lives are to take. He is encouraging us to believe in him, so that his values will take deep root within us and help us on the direction towards eternity.

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***I have come that you may have life and have it to the full***

***(John 10:10)***

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 7.00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*



*Those who we remember at this time:*

Fred Delaney, George, Marion & Lorna Faustin, & Annie McCann.

*The sick:* Frank Cassar, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

When: Each First Saturday of the Month at 10.30am.  
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING:** Everyone is welcome on Thursdays between 10 am and 1 pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.



**PARENT INFORMATION MEETING FIRST EUCHARIST** – this coming **Thursday, 9th May, 2019 at 7:00pm** in St John the Baptist School Hall, a Parent/Child Information evening is to be held for all children of the Parish in Year 3 or above, who are to celebrate their First reception of the Eucharist this year. Parents whose child/children attend schools other than our Parish Primary School, and who have not already done so, are asked to register their interest with the Parish Office, and provide their child's details, and their own contact information. This may also be done at this Thursday's meeting. Families whose child/children are enrolled in our Parish Primary School will be provided with further information by their teachers. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB?**

We'll meet in the Parish Centre on the First Tuesday of the month starting this Tuesday, 7th May. Our first book is a novel by Christian author Francine Rivers, titled, "A Lineage of Grace" which we will read separately then meet and reflect upon afterwards. Going forward we will choose books from the group's suggestions. If you are interested but would like a different time then please let me know too, maybe we will have a second group. Please contact me if you are interested: 9758 1029 / csombekkesjb@gmail.com

**PARISH BREAKFAST**

The Annual Parish Breakfast will be held on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, at 10am** in the School Hall. The Social Justice Group invites you to join them for a hearty cooked breakfast in the good company of your fellow parishioners. Then you'll have the opportunity to hear our speaker Fr Peter O'Neil, who will inform us about 'What we can do about modern slavery in Australia'. Tickets \$25ea on sale after all weekend masses. For further enquiries, contact Patrick Sawyer on: 0434 072 831



**BAPTISM** We offer our congratulations to **Remi Victoria Evers**, daughter of Kyle & Isabelle, whose Baptism is to be celebrated this weekend: The Church of God welcomes her with great joy.

**DONATIONS FOR SRI LANKA** you may wish to reach out to those affected by the terror attacks in Sri Lanka. Donations can be made either online at: [www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka](http://www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka) or call 1800 101 201.

**GOSPEL READING.....CONT'D**

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.*

**MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE IS SEEKING HOMESTAY HOSTS**



for International Students. Being a Homestay Host can be a very rewarding experience and often leads to lifelong associations. For more details, including guidelines, payment and the application process, visit the Mater Christi website: [www.materchristi.edu.au](http://www.materchristi.edu.au) or call 9757 0810.

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS**

at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. Presented by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, St Patrick's Cathedral & ANZCO NEXT GEN 'Young Organists' featuring 9 organists performing works by French composers including Felix-Alexandre Guilmant, Louis Vierne, Marcel Dupré, Olivier Messiaen. Tickets: \$25.00. Bookings: [trybooking.com/BCKDO](http://trybooking.com/BCKDO) All artists' fees and proceeds will be donated to aid the restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris.

**YUM (Youth United Melbourne) Presents: FUEL**

on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm, Mazenod College, Kernot Avenue, Mulgrave. YUM is back for 2019 and we're better than ever! Come and join us in prayer and praise, and to find out what the fuel of our Catholic faith is! Open to high school aged youth and young adults up to age 30. Cost: \$5 Registrations: [bit.ly/yumfuel](http://bit.ly/yumfuel) or download the flyer at: [bit.ly/2UCB6uJ](http://bit.ly/2UCB6uJ)

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May to Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Carol D'Souza & Lia Unmack
<b>Linen</b>	Anne Jackson
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>6pm</b> Queenie Jayawardena <b>9am:</b> Peter C, Neil & Lorraine Roberts & Joanna Capozzi <b>11am:</b> Tony & Christine Edsall
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>6pm:</b> Evangeline Lee <b>9am:</b> Gordon Veerasawmy <b>11am:</b> Kath Verstraete
<b>Counters</b>	Bryon & Ruby
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>MAY:</b> Tom & Chris