

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

1 May 2022

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

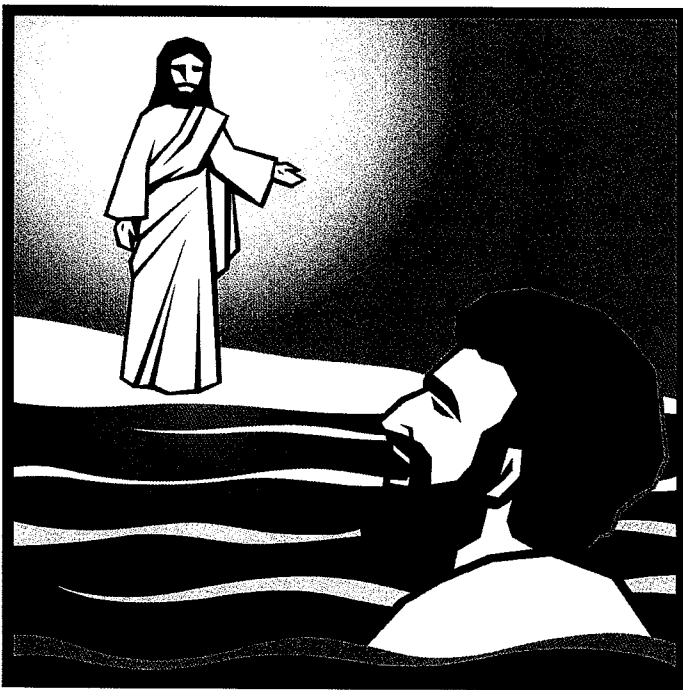
Gospel Jn 21:1-19

(or shorter form 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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: "Lord, you know that I love you."

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd "my lambs, my sheep." What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is *to love what God loves*

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. "For God so *loved the cosmos* as to give the Son." (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, "You are the Salt of the Earth." You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: "You are the Light of the Cosmos." You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: "We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

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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.'

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Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 4th May at 12-noon** at Nelly's at the Pier (in the park at Queenscliff). To book, please text or call Julie on 0411 578 285

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: next weekend, 7-8 May, we observe Good Shepherd Sunday.

Membership of Parish Pastoral Council: Nominations are called for the next term of the PPC, commencing on July 1, 2022. Parishioners may nominate themselves, or another parishioner. If someone is nominated by another, that person will be contacted prior to proceeding with the process. Nominations are to be made by contacting Fr. Darien c/- Parish Office. – *With thanks, Tony Frizza, Chairperson, Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council.*

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Pope Saint John Paul to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Titled "Refugees, a Challenge to Solidarity "A shameful wound of our times".

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) thanks all who attended our Forum for Refugees last Sunday. The two speakers stirred our hearts as they outlined the ways Australia continues to treat many Refugees with great inhumanity. Please help speak up for these people by taking some of the remaining postcards, available outside the church, and sending them to politicians or candidates. (If you have ABC iView watch Sr Brigid on Compass Sunday, April 24)

Quest Donation Point 'Tap & Go': Many parishes in Australia, along with other organisations, have introduced various forms of 'contactless' payment options over the last 2 years.

At the request of the Parish Finance Committee and the suggestion of the Catholic Development Fund (CDF), we have set up a "tap & go" device for credit or debit card contributions. This is being tried out at Ocean Grove. The device is easy to use: simply tap your card and have a blessed day. Minimum donation is set at \$5.00. If you wish, you may 'tap' again to add an extra \$5.00. If you have any feedback during the trial period, please contact Daniella at the Parish office.

Hospitality and rosters at Ocean Grove (from Josephine Barnes):

On the first Sunday of each month, hospitality will resume with morning tea after Mass. Can you assist with serving, welcoming people, or supplying a couple of plates of e.g. scones or slices/cakes. This is a way for new parishioners to get to know people and for our regulars to catch up with each other. After the isolation of the past years we need to build community again.

Rosters for Ocean Grove will commence from 1st June. In the meantime, calls are being made each week to fill in the roster as so many people have been away, had family here or were on Covid isolation that it has been easier to ring. All records are now on email so you can ring or email someone to replace you if you are not available. Please fill out a form to volunteer for hospitality or for the church rosters for Ocean Grove.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd May – St Athanasius (Memorial)

Tuesday 3rd May – Sts Philip and James (Feast)

Please note: no morning Mass to Ocean Grove

11:00am Funeral Mass for Teresa Sullivan at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Wednesday 4th May – Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 5th May – Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 2 students attending

Friday 6th May – Friday of the 3rd week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 7th May – Saturday of the 3rd week of Easter

Sunday 8th May – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

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