

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.

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'IT IS THE LORD!'

Jesus joins his disciples in Galilee at the Sea of Tiberias. It is an Easter scene that is essentially symbolic. The disciples have reconvened under Peter's initiative to go fishing, but their adventure ends in frustration. It is a reminder in John's world of missionary attempts that have also ended in fruitlessness. Jesus appears on the shore and directs them to continue fishing, albeit in a different or new direction—a pastoral strategy that is central. The focus of any pastoral or missionary endeavour must be under the behest of the Risen One. Their response to Jesus' direction proves overwhelmingly successful.

Not knowing at first the identity of the Risen Jesus, it is the Beloved Disciple, the one that holds a special place in John's Gospel, who points him out to Peter, the leader of the discipleship band: 'It is the Lord!'. On this, Peter clothes himself and jumps into the water heading towards Jesus. The act of Peter clothing himself is John's way of imaging Peter coming to a new identity. Now, Peter knows his identity in relationship to the Jesus who directs him in what he must do.

He also brings with him 153 fish to supply the breakfast that Jesus has prepared. Is this number symbolic of universality or completeness in the missionary endeavour of the developing Christian community? Today's Gospel is laced with subtle hints of an audience looking for new paths for missionary growth, in a new time, but always under the direction of the Risen Jesus.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

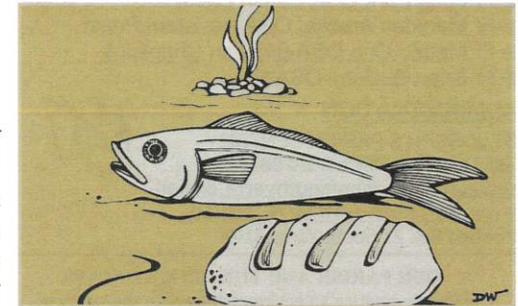
Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

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

Apoc 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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!

GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-14 (Longer form: Jn 21:1-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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



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3rd Sunday of Easter 4 May 2025)
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- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

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- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 4th May 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 3rd May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 5th May BI Vincent Soler & Companions		
Tuesday 6th May 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 7th May BI Maria od St Joseph of Alvarado	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 8th May Our Lady of Grace	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 9th May 3 rd Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 10th May St John de Avila	9.00am Mass	



This weekend is the **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal**. CatholicCare delivers programs and support to those most vulnerable in our community. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families. You can donate using the envelopes provided or at www.catholiccare

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Healing Mass: Tues 6 May 10am SJ
- ▶ Finance Committee: Tues 13 May 4pm
- ▶ Parish Council: Wed 14 May 7pm

AUGUSTINE – ON EASTER FAITH



“Spread the Gospel: scatter with your mouth what you have conceived in your heart.

Let the nations hear, let the nations believe; and how many have believed!

They were baptized, and others shall be baptized, and after them shall others come. Then I say, at the end of the world shall the stones be joined to the foundation, living stones, holy stones, that at the end the whole edifice may be built by that Church, yea by this very Church which now sings the new song, while the house is in building. But when does it sing the new song? When it is in building. When is it dedicated? At the end of the world. Its foundation has been already dedicated, because He has ascended into heaven, and dies no more. When we too shall have risen to die no more, then shall we be dedicated.”
(Sermon 66 on N.T.)

ANOINTING/HEALING MASS

The Sacrament of the sick will be offered at St Joseph's 10am Mass this Tuesday 6th May.



PARISH FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Beautiful heritage rooms available for meetings, corporate events, workshops, classes, etc. Please see our parish website for more details.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Tom O'Neill, Florencio Pineda.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- * Pope Francis
- * Ben Broekman

Anniversaries

- * Rocco D'Andrea
- * Ivan Guzman
- * Patricia Gillespie
- * Eddie Bennetts
- * Christine Kerr
- * Mary Monaghan
- * Leslie Priest
- * Mary Connell

MOTHERS' DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, as a tribute to mothers still living and to those who are deceased, we ask each of you to bring a flower for mothers who are still alive, or a sprig of rosemary for mothers who are deceased. These may then be brought to the altar after the homily and placed in a large bowl, as a prayer and tribute to the mothers who gave us life.



THANK YOU

To all our volunteers - musicians, singers, sacristans, readers, welcomers, florist, cleaners, collectors and counters, those who open and close the church, Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Parish Council, anyone who helps in the parish we are most grateful for your assistance.



EASTER ENVELOPES

Envelopes at church doors for offerings to the clergy at Easter.



Please return boxes and envelopes as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS COLLECTIONS 27/04/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 849.35
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 317.20
Envelopes.....	\$ 455.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	783.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 570.00

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