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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C - 1ST MAY 2022

FIRST READING

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.

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

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

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 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.'



Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr 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 illumined 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.



FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!



3RD FAITH SHARING SESSION:

Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th May

3.30pm -7.00pm, in the Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator
email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

WILL GRAHAM EVANGELISATION RALLIES

These are being held at the Silverdome in Launceston on Friday 27th May, 4:00-9:00pm (includes Youth Fest); Saturday 28th May, 7:00-9:00pm; and Sunday 29th May, 6:00-8:00pm

There is an opportunity for Catholics in the North of the state who are confident in their faith and have a desire to share that faith, by being involved as a “prayer companion” during the rallies. Archbishop Porteous is keen for the Catholic Church to be involved as far as possible.

It is necessary for anyone interested in being a prayer companion to undergo a short **Life Witness Formation** training course, delivered by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and this is being offered over a half day at:

Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Parish Hall
94 Meander Valley Rd, Westbury
Next Saturday, 7th May 2022, 11.00am – 3.00pm
There is no cost, and lunch will be provided.

For further information please contact Fr Ben Brooks on 0448 527 140 or email: benbrooks88@live.com

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for May

Faith -filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

A VOCATION VIEW:

- ▣ **Let people know that Jesus has the solution.**
- ▣ **Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to**
- ▣ **God’s Son. And tell the world what you hear!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Harris Ferguson** (Christopher and Melissa), who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Marion Winterson-Jowett, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Nanette Gunton, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Pat and Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Marjorie Fitzpatrick who has died recently, Fr Terry Southerwood, Mario and Angelina Colla, Lino and Maria Rossi, Mary Teresa McLoughlin, Leslie Phillips, Florence Hughes, Irene Turner, Primo Bergamin, Richard O’Loughlin, Bill Duffy, Grant Arnold, Christina Coombe, Brian Welch, Matteo Arvia, Maurice Scully, Leo Leyden, all victims of COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: During the COVID-19 crisis we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of peace, especially for those who are ill and for their families.

Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *This Sunday, 1st May at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE, DELORAINÉ A reunion lunch will be held at the Raspberry Farm – Elizabeth Town, **Thursday, 5th May**, 12.00 for 12.30pm. All past pupils welcome. RSVP Mary: 0429 354 406, Charmaine: 0438 340 631 or Carmel: 0447 509 053.

ROSARY: is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is now open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend

EVANGELIUM PROJECT: *Inflame your heart with the love of Christ and share this with others! - Additional hubs available! Register today www.evangeliumproject.com*



FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles, commencing next Friday, 6th May 2022.

Everyone in warmly invited and encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord and pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation and our world.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to Dining with Friends.

Next gathering: Tuesday, 3rd May at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering and Covid requirements—limit of 16 people

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

**“THE DANCE OF FORGIVENESS”
A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**

Two weekends (*May 21st/22nd and June 25th/26th at Emmanuel Centre, Newstead*) of live-in retreat bookending five weeks of individual directed retreat in daily life including weekly one-to-one spiritual direction. Cost: \$600. **Enquiries and bookings:** Belinda Chapman 0418 141 171 or Email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 10.00am

f On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April—Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 2nd—7th May

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm-5.45pm	Newstead





PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

CONCERNED CATHOLICS TASMANIA

2nd Annual General Meeting—Saturday, 7 May
Tailrace Centre, Riverside, 10am –12.15pm
Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ (in person)
RSVP: email: sueehyslop@gmail.com by 2nd May
<https://www.concernedcatholicstasmania.org/>

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 2nd: John 6:22-29
Tuesday 3rd: John 14:6-14
Wednesday 4th: John 6:35-40
Thursday 5th: John 6:44-51
Friday 6th: John 6:52-59
Saturday 7th: John 6:60-69

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalms 99:1-3,5
Revelations 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Engaging Your Faith

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3rd to 28th May 2022

Booking, payment and further information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



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Children's Corner

Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded.
What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

THE JEWELLER'S SHOP

A play written by St John Paul II

Launceston, 7.00pm, 14th May 2022
Guilford Theatre, St Patrick's College

Bookings: Eventbrite: TheJewellersShopLaunceston
The play explores the hopes, fears, loves and longings of three couples. It is set outside the local jeweller's shop and also in a mysterious inner landscape that delves into the nature of love, relationships and marriage.

Enquiries: ben.smith@aohtas.org.au; Ph 6208 6036
Archdiocese of Hobart

Reflection Day on St Therese of Lisieux

10.00am - 3.00pm. Saturday 23rd July, 2022
at Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

An invitation is extended to women for a day of reflection, discovery and prayer drawing upon the real-life journey to sainthood of Therese of Lisieux. The day is entitled '**From Neurosis to Sainthood: a new glimpse at St Therese of Lisieux**' and facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman.

Cost is \$40 including lunch.
Bookings by 18th July to Belinda on 0418 141 171 or by email to: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com.
Further details are on the flyer in the church foyer.

