



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Scholars suggest that the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John is a later addition to the gospel, especially given the finality of the language at the end of chapter 20. The style of chapter 21 is much more church-oriented than the earlier chapters. The barbeque breakfast on the beach takes on a Eucharistic feel and the passage is at pains to portray Peter as the leader of the disciples and the one chosen by Jesus to provide leadership into the future. We must remember that the Gospel of John was written almost 70 years after the death of Jesus and if this final chapter is indeed an addition then it is likely written some time in the 2nd century. It was only in the late 1st and early 2nd centuries that the church began to adopt a structure of bishops as leaders of communities and it was important to clearly establish the authority of Peter as the first leader of the Church and the authority of his successors. Obviously, a scriptural reference to Jesus' choice of Peter would have cemented the case and so this later addition to the Gospel of John may have been constructed to serve this purpose.

Regardless of its original intended purpose, this passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

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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.'

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

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.)

4 May 2025

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pope Francis

ANNIVERSARIES

Pasquale Vinci, Pasquale Bruzzese, Margaret McConville, Lina Lo Nigro, Lillian & Tarcis Mizzi

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 4th May 2025

Molly Kennedy

Ciara Reidy

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you haven't returned yours, can you please do so, as soon as possible. Thank You.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Tickets on sale. Drawn on Mother's Day, 11th May after the 10.30am Mass. Tickets: \$2 each or \$3 for \$5. Great prizes.

PARISH NEWS

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY

Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary During the month of May, we recite the Rosary on weekdays and Saturday mornings from **8.50am** (before the 9.15am Mass).

DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION 'THANK YOU' Thanks to all who participated in or assisted in any way during the 9-day Divine Mercy Novena and the Feast Day Mass held last weekend.

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR CONFIRMATION We are inviting all competent singers to join the St Peter's Community choir for the Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, May 30th at 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to be part of this special occasion. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday, May 20th, and Tuesday, May 27th, at 5.00pm in the Church. We will also practice at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 25th May. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Seona Martin smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to your involvement in making this event memorable!
EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS
According to the tradition of the Catholic Church, all the houses of the believers are sprinkled with the blood of the lamb (the newly Blessed Holy water) as a sign that we are resurrected with Christ. This is done from Easter to the Feast of Pentecost. If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Anil, please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Over the next 4 weekends, the annual Mass count will take place at all Parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

CONGRATULATIONS

Valerian & Jean FURTADO

Married in Bombay, India

3rd May 1985

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary

Wishing you God's blessings

PRAYER FOR A NEW POPE

O God, Eternal Shepherd,
who govern Your flock with unfailing care,
grant in Your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for Your Church
who will please You by His holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.
St. Peter, pray for us.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 10/11 MAY

Next Sunday we celebrate 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.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL – 3/4 MAY 2025

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment & homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals & prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief & trauma. Please donate generously to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. **You can donate using the appeal envelope available in the narthex (please return by next weekend); or call 9967 2515 or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au.**

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please keep in your prayers the children who are currently preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.