



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

4 MAY 2025

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

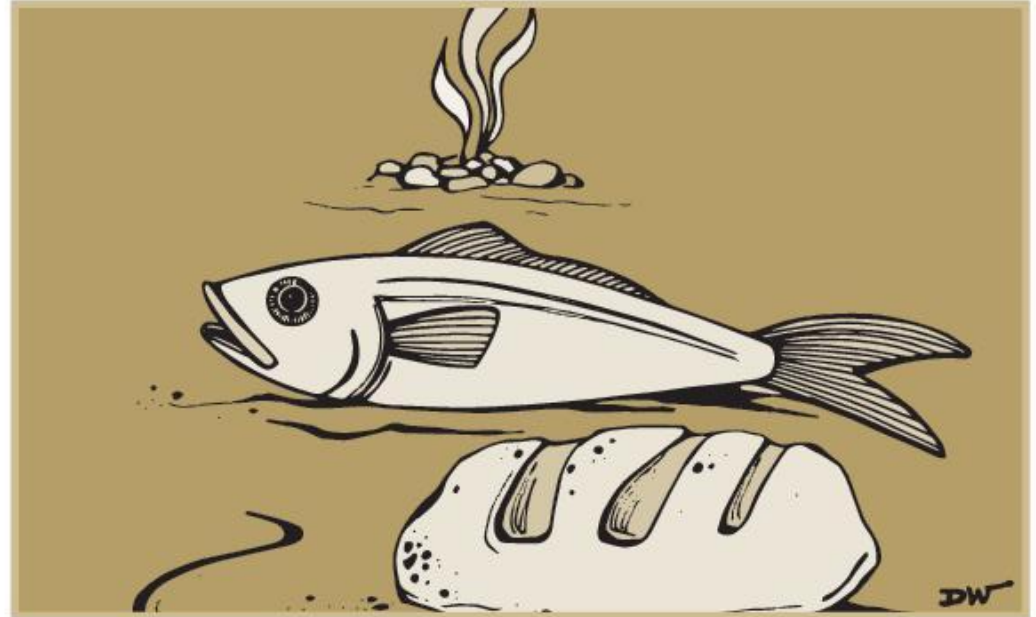
Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

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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Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$375.50 Presbytery: 390.50

Special Collection: \$737.50 (Easter Offering)

Next Week's Roster

Lector - Saturday: J Lam

Lector - Sunday: La Bonne family

Counters: B Leong & E Ambrose

Thanksgiving



HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

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Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$277.00 Presbytery: \$281.95

Special Collection: \$1064.00 (Easter Offering)

Next Week's Roster

Lector: S McMillan

Thanksgiving



ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-minutes before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Sun 11 May: 4th Sunday of Easter

Parish Social Afternoon Tea

Wednesday May 14th, 2:00pm at Holy Cross Hall. Please bring along a plate to share.

We'd love if you also bring your baby photo. Will we recognise you?

All welcome for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

For further information or transport contact Denise: 0410311326

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf. Ps 65: 1-2)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf. Jn 21:12-13)

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: **Paulette Dobbin, Tony Messina, Paul Donohoe**

** Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.*

Recently Deceased: -

Death Anniversary: -

Congratulations! We are now ONE Parish.

Effective Saturday, 3rd May 2025, St Joseph's Parish and Holy Cross Parish are amalgamated and is now called **THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK AND HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH.**

1. Celebration

To celebrate this special occasion, we will be organising a luncheon at St Joseph's School Atrium, at 12:30pm on Sunday, 29th June 2025.

More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please save the date.

2. Parish Prayer and Parish Logo

We welcome suggestions and designs for our new Parish Prayer and Parish Logo respectively. Please email the Parish Office by Friday, 30th May 2025.

Fr Leenus and the Parish Pastoral Council will then deliberate to decide on what best represents our new Parish.

Mass Count

An annual Mass Count is taken for the Archdiocese for the purposes of pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Our parish will be undertaking this during the four weekends of May.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

A special collection will be taken up this weekend 3-4 May. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to help the most vulnerable. You can donate using the appeal envelope or online: www.catholiccare.org.au

All gifts \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Mother's Day Prayer Book

Our Mother's Day book can be found on the altar-rail in front of Our Lady's statue in the church.

Please write the names of all mothers for whom you would like prayers to be offered on Mother's Day.

There will be a special blessing for all mothers at the weekend Masses on 10th and 11th May.

Conclave to elect new Pope begins 7th May 2025

The date to elect the 267th Pope was set on Monday morning by the approximately 180 cardinals present (just over a hundred of whom are electors) gathered for the fifth General Congregation in the Vatican.

The conclave will take place in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, which will remain closed to visitors during those days.

What happens during the conclave?

The conclave will be preceded by a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the votive Mass Pro Eligendo Pontifice attended by the Cardinal electors.

In the afternoon, the Cardinal electors proceed in a solemn procession to the Sistine Chapel, where the Conclave begins to elect the new Pope.

At the end of the procession inside the Sistine Chapel, each Cardinal elector takes the oath as prescribed in paragraph 53 of *Universi Dominici Gregis*.

Through this oath, they commit, if elected, to faithfully fulfill the *Munus Petrinum* as Pastor of the Universal Church.

They also pledge to maintain absolute secrecy regarding everything related to the election of the Roman Pontiff and to refrain from supporting any attempts of external interference in the election.

At this point, the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations proclaims *extra omnes*, meaning that all individuals who are not part of the Conclave must leave the Sistine Chapel.

Only the Master himself and the ecclesiastic designated to deliver the second meditation remain.

This meditation focuses on the grave responsibility that rests upon the electors and the necessity of acting with pure intentions for the good of the Universal Church, keeping only God before their eyes.

Once the meditation is delivered, both the ecclesiastic and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations leave.

The Cardinal electors then recite prayers according to the *Ordo Sacrorum Rituum Conclavis* and listen to the Cardinal Dean, who asks whether they are ready to proceed with voting or if any clarifications regarding the rules and procedures.

All election procedures take place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel within the Vatican Apostolic Palace, which remains completely sealed off until the election is concluded.

Throughout the election process, the Cardinal electors must refrain from sending letters or engaging in conversations, including phone calls, except in cases of extreme urgency.

They are not allowed to send or receive messages of any kind, receive newspapers or magazines of any nature, or follow radio or television broadcasts.

Prayer for The Conclave and The Election of 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 with the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Yes Lord, I Love You

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

I am sure, everyone loves today's Gospel in which we hear 3 times Jesus asking Peter, "Do you love me?" and each time we hear Peter answering, "Yes Lord, I love You."

That day, when Jesus asked the question of Peter, there were other disciples present as well. Why did he not ask the whole group, "Do you all love me?" But Jesus' question was directed only to Peter. Does that mean that Jesus was ignoring the other disciples? I think, Jesus was being very personal there. He was not interested in hearing any general response. Maybe later, Jesus asked the same question of each of them separately and individually; we do not know.

How I wish, Jesus asked me the question too! And how I wish, I too could sincerely respond just like Peter, "Yes Lord, You know that I love You." In fact Jesus does ask each of us, time and again the same question; if we love him or not! Probably we do not even pay attention to his pleading question, nor do we care to respond.

In asking the same question over and over again, Jesus was giving Peter the opportunity to think twice before answering; He did not want any casual answer. He was also giving Peter the opportunity to change his answer if he thought differently. Or maybe, each time Jesus expected Peter to improve upon his response. What is clearly noticeable here is, that each time Peter responded, immediately Jesus gave him a responsibility.

What do I understand from this? I think it means that, before we take up any commitment or responsibility we need to make sure that we love Jesus; only then we have the license to do what we do. Any good work we may do for one another is like feeding Jesus' sheep with love.

Do anything, but do it because you love Jesus. Not necessarily what you do for the Parish; but also what you do for your family or community or any person, or at your work place or wherever, do it all because you love Jesus. I think then our actions, words and thoughts will have a new meaning, a new purpose. In fact, the sole reason for being a follower of Jesus could be, not just because we love Jesus, but more so, because "Jesus Loves Us".

Fr Leenus



When you clean a vacuum cleaner, you become a vacuum cleaner.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2025

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.

The annual Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 24 May.

Please consider sending any names of potential attendees to us, and they will receive an invitation to attend.

**JESUS LOVES
YOU!**



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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Breaking Open the Word

'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