

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.

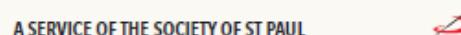
It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there 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

# 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

04 May 2025

3rd Sunday

Easter - Year C

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Sat: 5.30 pm Sun: 9 am & 5 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: 9am Tues: 9am Wed: 12noon  
Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon

**ENTRANCE** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.  
**ANTIPHON:** O render him glorious praise, Alleluia

**COMMUNION** Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
**ANTIPHON:** And he took bread and gave it to them; Alleluia.

### CONFESIONS

\* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm

\* Before every Mass

\* By appointment



### May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maureen McNeill, Kath Halloran, Kevin Frost, Kevin Bourke, Reginald Bucknall.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Bruce Macpherson (08/4), Elizabeth Turner (27/4), Harry Cunningham (30/4), Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Sandy Murray (22/5).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Marie Southwell, Mimi Bennett, Julia Varga.

**SICK:** Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Cheryl Moloney, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum).

**WEST TAMWORTH SENIORS' CLUB:** We pray for all former members of the West Tamworth Seniors' Club and thank them for their generous donation to St Patrick's Parish.

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF REV DR PETER MURPHY.** If you are unable to attend the Ordination of Rev Peter Murphy, the QR code opposite will take you to the livestream on the evening of the Ordination.

### COMING EVENTS:

**08 May** Ordination of Bishop Elect Peter Murphy

**11 May** Good Shepherd Sunday

**11 May** Mother's Day Morning Tea after 9am Mass - All Welcome

**13 May** First Reconciliation Information Night

**20 May** First Eucharist Information Night

**27 May** Confirmation Information Night

**04 June** Anointing Mass - 12noon

### COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

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 We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years.  
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

### PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF POPE

God, our loving Father,  
Jesus, our Good Shepherd,  
Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter,  
in this time of waiting and prayer,  
we turn to You with open hearts.

Father, You have always watched over Your Church.

You raise up shepherds after Your own heart.

Send forth the Spirit of Wisdom upon the College of Cardinals.

Make them one in mind and heart, so that in their prayerful discernment  
they may be guided by divine wisdom. You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,  
show which one of them you have chosen to be the successor of Peter.

May the new Pope be a man of prayer, a servant of truth, gentle yet bold, and  
compassionate and deeply rooted in Your love.

Through the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of the Church, St Joseph, her  
Guardian and Protector, and of Saints Peter and Paul, may this election  
bring new life and freshness into the Church and new hope to the world. We  
make this prayer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord, the author of life and  
our salvation. Amen.

### LIVE STREAMING



The Episcopal Ordination  
and Installation  
of Rev Dr Peter Murphy  
11th Bishop of Armidale

Thursday 8th May 2025  
6:30 PM



Scan QR Code to Watch

<https://youtube.com/live/Kz2jbNjJZwg?feature=share>

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 04/05/25

**Vigil:** R: Sr Kathryn N. Pullman

**9am Sun:** R: D Gowing, A Sartori

**5pm: Sun** R: A O'Halloran T Mitchell

**Counting:** P Shiels G&M Thrift

**Fri Cleaning** J Hutt J Moran

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 11/05/25

**Vigil:** R: C Ledwos Sr Kathryn

**9am Sun:** R: S Nichols A Sartori

**5.00pm Sun:** R: C Lavell Volunteer

**Counting:** M Vella & A Bowden

**Fri Cleaning** M Vella & I Ullman

Gifts: Bob and Maree

Gifts: Volunteers

Gifts: Heljo & Nijo

Altar Linen: J Hutt

Gifts: Sarah Shulze

Gifts: B Schipp C Grima

Gifts: Volunteer

Altar Linen: M. Vella