



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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Third Sunday of Easter 4 MAY 2025

First reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, glory, and blessing.

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

Gospel: John 21:1-19 Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

It Is The Lord

Detachment is the worst thing about being an international priest who is geographically far from biological family. But strangely, it's also one of the best. When I'm not around all the time with them, conversations tend to go deeper. We talk about what really matters. They share with me deep-down things that they'd normally keep to themselves if I were with them all the time. The time with them reminded me of today's Gospel, when Jesus meets his disciples by the sea after the resurrection.

Peter and the others had returned to fishing, back to the life they knew. Maybe they were perplexed, daunted, or uncertain about what to do. They fished all night but caught nothing. Then, as dawn breaks, **Jesus appears and tells them where to cast their net.** The result? A catch so large it should have torn the net, but it didn't.

Peter, at a crossroads, clings to what he knows and his attachment to his boat, his nets, and his former life. But Jesus is gently detaching him from that, embarking on a new kind of mission: **feeding his sheep, caring for his people.**

Jesus asks Peter three times, **"Do you love me more than these?"** Perhaps he means: more than the other disciples? More than your old life? More than your trade? Peter's "yes" isn't just verbal, it's a surrender, a detachment from self-reliance, from the past, and a new attachment to Christ and his mission because it is the lord.

This Easter season invites us to examine our own attachments. Are we clinging to things comfort, control, habits, or distractions that keep us from loving and following Jesus fully? Like Peter, we're not asked to earn our mission through effort. We're simply called to follow, trust, and love.

Jesus still appears to us often quietly, maybe even over a brekkie and says, **"Do you love me?"** In detaching from what weighs us down, or in finding the freedom to be truly attached to Jesus, for it is the lord. As pilgrims of Hope, may we find in that attachment, find our mission, joy, and purpose in following Jesus day by day.

Let go. Trust, for it is the Lord.

Fhear Brian Redondo



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Robert Wilson.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially** John Isaac, Fr Tom Isaac, Neil Beasley, Pdraig Gaffney.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Cathy Herbert, Sue Englart, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Michael Luce, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting a musical play at the Repertory Theatre on Wednesday May 7. "On the Wallaby" is humorous and heartbreaking, a tribute to those who survived the Great Depression; Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.25pm start. Tickets \$25 each and can be bought by ringing Helen on 0416055976 or The Sisters on 07 46321818.

St. Mary's College reunion Sat 31/5/2025 for anyone who attended the college in the sixties. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email rossfallon@bigpond.com. This is a lunch time event & further details will be provided by return email.

The Conclave Convenes.....

The Congregation of Cardinals has asked the faithful for prayers as they prepare to enter the conclave to elect a new pope next week. Source: *The Tablet*. In a statement issued yesterday, the cardinals invited "the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God". "Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit," the statement said, emphasising the cardinals' "need to be supported by the prayers of the faithful". More than 200,000 people have "adopted a cardinal" to pray for before and during the conclave via the website praycardinal.com. The site assigns users a cardinal and encourages them to pray for their "physical health and spiritual strength", and that they be "open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit", receive "wisdom and clarity of mind as they consider who should lead the Church" and that they may "remain focused on the needs of the Church and the will of God".

Meanwhile, the congregation yesterday declared all 135 listed cardinal electors will be eligible to vote in the conclave despite the official limit of 120 electors. The cardinals issued a statement saying that cardinals exceeding the limit, set out in the apostolic constitution. *Universi Dominici Gregis*, that governs conclaves, had acquired "the right to elect the Roman pontiff from the moment of their creation and publication", by the late Pope Francis's authority. The statement also acknowledged Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Becciu's decision to renounce his claim to participate in the conclave. It said he had acted for "the good of the Church and in order to contribute to the communion and serenity of the conclave". Two other cardinals said they would not attend due to poor health, bringing the number of cardinal electors expected at the conclave to 133. (Courtesy of CathNews)

Sunday 4 May 3rd Sunday of Easter [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Zali & Fletcher Munchow 12pm Baptism of Theodore White 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 5 May	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 6 May	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 7 May	7am Mass SPC Fr Brian Moran	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 8 May	7am Mass SPC Fr Vincent Maher	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 10am Mass at Numylo 6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral
Friday 9 May	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM Msgr Patrick McMorrow	9am Friendship Group in Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 10 May	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC Fr Thomas Isaac	6.30am Rosary at St Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism Hallie Lorraine Bidmeade 12pm Baptism Walter Dale Eiser
Sunday 11 May 4th Sunday of Easter	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am World Day of Prayer for Vocations	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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