

“Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts,
keep encouraging one another” (Heb 3:13)

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Acts 5:27-32

Peter and the apostles are challenged because they preach Jesus crucified and risen from the dead.

Apocalypse 5:11-14

This reading from the last book of the New Testament gives us a vision of heaven.

St. John 21:1-19

Jesus appears to his friends on a fishing trip.

“Jesus took
the bread
and gave it
to the
Apostles,
and the
same with
the fish.”



Pope Francis says in his evangelical pamphlet ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God’s saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person above and beyond their faults and failings.

Jesus met these fishermen coming home from work and cooked their breakfast, and they recognised him — an ordinary everyday situation changed by an encounter with the Risen Lord.

At the heart of our Synod is the truth that God speaks to us in the ordinary events and situations of our lives, if only we take the time to stop and listen.

Do we recognise God’s presence in the day to day events of our lives.

Where in your everyday life do you experience love, truth, goodness, hope and joy?

Risen Jesus, just as you met the first disciples beside the Sea of Galilee, meet us on the shore of our lives. Help us to see you in the encounters we have each day and enable us to draw strength from your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Today’s Psalm
Psalm 29**

*O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
Restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
What the psalmist is celebrating is an escape from a close shave with death.*

Applying the psalm to Jesus Christ, what we celebrate is not an escape from death but a liberation through death. Jesus did not avoid death but saw it as a door out of this life into heavenly life.

It is said that those who die well are those who have died often. There is a little death every time we let go of something in order to move on to something else: voluntarily giving up something good for the sake of an ideal: letting go of personal grief or anger: resisting temptation. These little experiences of dying are part of our baptismal union with the death and resurrection of the Lord. Peter would let go of his impetuosity in preparation for the death by which he would give glory to God.

Belief that we are called to share in the resurrection changes everything.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday May 1, 2022

Sun: 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Edward, James, & Catherine Purcell

Mon: Easter Weekday

9.30.am. Special Intention

Tues: Sts Philip and James, Apostles

9.30..am: Veronica & Walter Steele

Wed: Easter Weekday

9.30.am. Private Intention

Thurs: Easter Weekday

9.30.am. Tom O'Donoghue

Fri: Easter Weekday

7.00.pm. Private Intention

Sun: 4th Sunday of Easter

8.30.am. Vocations

10.30.am. Bob Bell

0771 942 7926 (only for emergency use)

Confessions

At your request

On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home

Staff need to be made aware by you:
that you, or the member of your family,
or the person you accompany, are Catholic,
and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

Cemetery

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery
tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

We pray for all the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Desmond Gorman, Ryan Troop; Catherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth

Young people don't grow into discerning adults by accident. As parents, teachers and leaders, we need to teach our youngsters how to discern. We need enable young people to understand how they can be manipulated by social media and TV. We need to teach our children that an ambition to make a difference for good in the world, will lead to happiness. This month, Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention for May. "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." Pope Francis has gone to Africa several times since his first visit in November 2015. The Majority World, the global south, has been a focus of his apostolic journeys. But he does not go to proselytise, to convert. On his most recent visit to the predominantly Muslim country of Morocco, he asked Catholics to avoid trying to convert people, saying this "always leads to an impasse". "The issue of migration will never be resolved by raising barriers," he said in a speech. Once again, he is hoping and praying that the Church may be that "seed of unity" rather than a proselytising competitor among religions vying for the allegiance of people. This month we are invited to join in **Pope Francis's prayer intention** '...That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.'

For Peace in Ukraine:- Many still think of May as Mary's month. Remember this month to pray the Rosary for peace, particularly peace in Ukraine.

Today St. Joseph the Worker This week the Church asks us to pray for those looking for work, for those who feel underemployed or undervalued, and for those in jobs where they feel pressured or trapped. We are also asked to pray for the fruits of work and for the stewardship of creation. This week the Church asks us to pray for those looking for work, for those who feel underemployed or undervalued, and for those in jobs where they feel pressured or trapped. We are also asked to pray for the fruits of work and for the stewardship of creation.

"Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him." (Booker T. Washington)