St Brigid's Parish
Stuart - Wulguru - Woodstock

Third Sunday of Easter Year C — 4 May 2025

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

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 .

Psalm

R/ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me .

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.)

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.)

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.)

Revelation 5:11-14

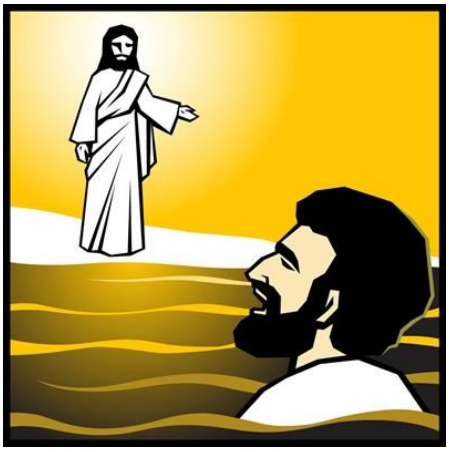
In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, 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!

John 20:19-31

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 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

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**On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, our Parish Priest and Parishioners,
We welcome any new members to be part of our community.
"All Members are a gift from God", so a very warm "Welcome" to you,**

Parish Notices and Events

Planned Giving Envelopes

It would be appreciated if those with envelopes number 5, 11, 25, 36 & 37 could contact the parish office so that your contact details can be recorded together with your generous contributions.

Blessing of Stations of the Cross

Bishop Tim will join us on the morning of 18 May at the 9.00am Mass to bless the new Stations of the Cross. Please bring a plate to share at morning tea.

Mass Intentions for the Deceased

We will begin including the names of all the faithful departed for whom Mass Intentions are requested (e.g. at Easter, or a birthday, or Mothers Day) in our Newsletter.

Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the Entry to the Church. You can also request a Mass by visiting stbrigids.au/masses.

Join us for Lunch

Join us for a Parish Get Together on Friday 9 May at 12pm at the Stuart Hotel. Catch up with old friends and welcome new ones over a nice relaxing lunch at the local. New parishioners are particularly encouraged to attend.

There will be an RSVP sheet at the front of the church. Enquiries to Patty 0438104566

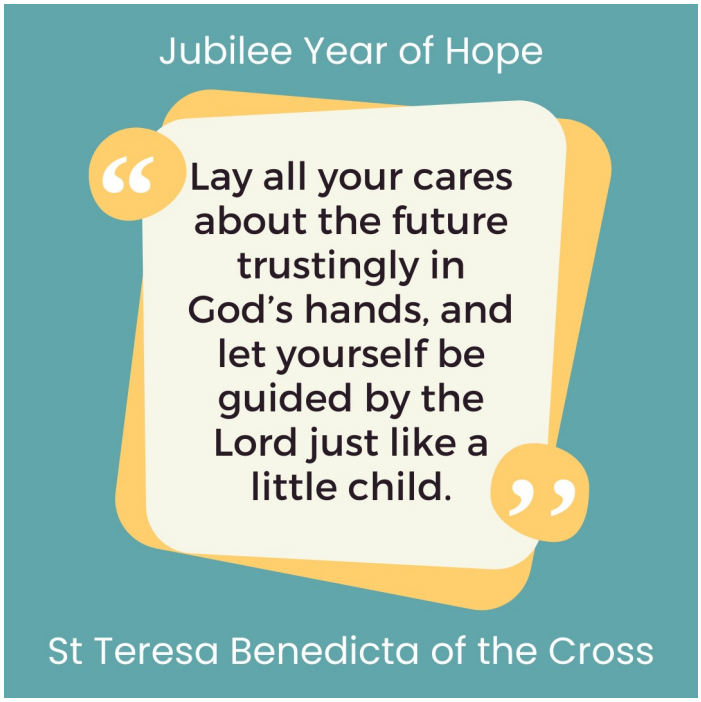
We are hoping to make this a regular event.

Youth Discipleship Conference

Parish and school leaders across the Diocese are invited to a special Youth Discipleship Conference on Thursdat, 22 May, featuring Everett Fritz, founder of Andrew Ministries and an international leader in relational youth ministry. This gathering is about more than just a day of formation. It is a chance to reignite our shared mission of walking with young people in faith. Whether you're a priest, principal, APRE, youth minister, chaplain or someone just passionate about youth ministry, this is a space to be inspired, equipped, and connected. The day will focus on how we can start small discipleship groups in our parishes that offer young people a real sense of belonging. It will also create space for parish and school leaders to strengthen relationships and collaborate more intentionally in the work of evangelisation. Finally, it will help us reflect on how events like ACYF can serve as meaningful milestones, launching young people deeper into their journey with Christ, not just giving them a momentary experience. See attached Flyer.

We'd love to see every parish and school represented.

It starts here and now—with connection, creativity, and the courage to do youth ministry differently.
RSVP by 10 May 2025 to youth@tsv.catholic.org.au



Holy Lands Good Friday Appeal:

Thank you for supporting the Holy Lands Good Friday Appeal. Your generous donations will continue to assist Christians facing difficult circumstances in the Holy Land and for the upkeep of sacred places of pilgrimage.

Vocation View

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love

Requiescant in pace

Please Pray For:

Br Paul Conn cfc (recently deceased)
Tama Masan (Anniversary)
Phil Patane, Mary Valastro, Pietro & Maria Patane, Giuseppe & Leonarda Lamari, Ross & Pietra Torrisi., Frank & Sarina Russo

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please keep in your prayers:

Prayers FOR Healing

May Williamson, Anne-Maree Cashin, Debra Craig, Maureen Milchem, Linda Sibley, Laura Farquhar, Lisa Haines, Michael Robertson, Margaret Catchpole, Judy Coorey, Matilda Lee, Genevieve Cochrane, Amelia Cart, Henri & Hansel Bekiesch, Sandra Eels, Toni Evans, Anne Burgess, and all in need of our prayers.

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them

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.'

Reflection

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.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Rosters Weekend of 10/11 May		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
	Readers	1. Debra Fulton 2. Paula Bailey	1. Paul Malan 2. Michael Moloney
	Special Ministers	Louise Vella-Cox	Bree Denniss & Jaye Beutel
		Cleaning Team A	Counting: Cox/Menkens (Next week)
		Children's Liturgy: Asmy	

Sunday Masses 10/11 May	
Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am
Woodstock	Sun 4.30pm
St Brigid's	**8 June**

Weekdays 5 to 9 May	
Mon	5.30pm Wulguru
Tues	4.30 Adoration 5.30pm Wulguru
Wed	5.30pm Wulguru
Thur	5.30pm Wulguru
Fri	No Mass

Confessions

12pm to 12.15pm Saturday
or by appointment

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The Pastor's Pen!

The Conclave for the Election of the Pope will begin this Wednesday in Rome. It begins with a Mass in the morning in St Peter's Basilica, before the first round of voting that afternoon.

The Wednesday afternoon Mass will be the special mass for the Election of a Pope with its prayers and readings. In this way, we can unite ourselves in a special way with the Universal Church which will be celebrating its Mass at about the same time. There are also Prayer Cards available for your personal prayer leading up to, and during, the Conclave.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity during the recent Season of Lent. I can find no record of a contribution to the Good Friday Holy Lands Appeal last year. In 2023, we donated $380. This year, we raised $1786. In 2023, this parish contributed $280 to Project Compassion. In 2024, it contributed $375. This year, we have raised $5675.

At our recent Mission Council meeting, we reflected upon opportunities for Discipleship Formation in the parish. We reflected upon what may be possible for young adults, for families with children enrolled in the sacramental program, and for general parishioners. A small work group is being formed to help develop a calendar of opportunities to grow in knowledge, love and service of the Lord.

We are very keen to build our sense of community. There will be a parish lunch this Friday at the Stuart Hotel, as advertised within. We have to book, so please write your name on the list!

I think that our 15th Station and our St Joseph the Worker image will both be absent this weekend as they are being re-framed. Thanks to the new Director of Archives Elisha Vella for volunteering his time and talent to this project.

I am in the process of starting to plan for the work which needs to be undertaken at St Brigid's Church (paying for it is another matter). I am meeting with the former Director of Archives Helen Lucas this week to tap into her considerable talents. I have been discussing with building experts what needs to be done and we are starting to get quotes. A new round of Heritage Grants has just opened up, which we may apply for—otherwise, we will seek funding in a future round (with our own level of co-contribution).

Fr D.

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Through our Baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we live and share the Good news with all.