

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C 30th April & 1st May 2022

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My dear parish family of St Scholasticas,

I would like to take this opportunity to send a note of **THANKS AND APPRECIATION** to you as I move on to my next assignment in ministry.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the privilege of being able to serve you for the last 15 months. It has been a real blessing for me to have been your parish priest at Scholasticas. I have come to know so many wonderful people and there is much that I have learned. I am grateful to you for your kindness and generosity, which you have shown me in so many ways. It has also been a privilege to accompany you during the different times, the pandemic, the sadness and death of your loved ones. The life of a priest is a call to share the joy of the gospel in preaching God's Word, celebrating Christ's life in the Mass and Sacraments and serving God's people in the happy times as well as the sad.

Secondly, a priest does not work on his own. I would like to thank the talented and hardworking staff of our parish, the many dedicated volunteers who serve in our various parish ministries such as ministry co-ordinators, prayer groups, choirs, musicians, social committee, sacristans, special ministers, altar servers, counters and collectors, readers, commentators, AV operators, flowers arrangement, youth leaders and St Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks also to the Finance committee who have shared their wisdom and advice with me on the Parish finances over the last 15 months.

Thirdly, I would like to thank the school principal - Jenny Rohan, teachers, staff, parents and students at St Scholastica's Primary School for your commitment, involvement and encouragement. Thanks also to the Catechists of the Good Shepherd for your faith, commitment, and support.

And finally, I would like to close with my favourite Scripture passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: 1:3-6, 9-11:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Please pray for me and I will pray for you. God bless all of you!

With blessings,

Fr Tinh Nguyen PP

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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2022

Monday 2 May 2022

07.30pm Vinnies Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

09.00am Mass and Adoration/Rosary

11.30am Funeral Mass for Walter Di Marino

07.30pm Praise and Worship/Prayer Group - GA

Wednesday 4 May 2022

10.00am Novena

10.20am Rosary & Benediction

11.00am Mass

01.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday 5 May 2022

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

07.30am Baptism Information Night - GA

Friday 6 May 2022

10.00am Holy Hour and Benediction

11.00am 1st Friday Mass

Saturday 7 May 2022

09.00am Mass and Confession

09.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet

11.00am Baptism of Amara Kamalahasan

05.30pm Mass

Sunday 8 May 2022

09.00am Mass - Morning Tea after Mass - GA

11.00am Mass

05.30pm Mass

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Pat Nitz, Peter Smyth, Kathleen Barr, Rachel Bransby, Patricia Simpson, Frances Murray, Marian & Stephen McQuinn, John Anderson, Bernice Collins, Raymond Anderson, Rae Barrett, Lynn Fleming, Will Coghlan, Geoffrey Jones, Nancye Simpson, Chris Roberts, Sarah Narajowski

Anniversary

Peter Zoch

Recently Deceased

Anne Harman, Joseph Nguyen Minh Khanh, Walter Di Marino, Elizabeth Story, John Frankcombe, Anna Binh

St. Vincent de Paul Society: The monthly food collections will be held next weekend on the **7th & 8th May 2022**. The most useful items are the staples such as: Pasta & pasta sources, rice, baked beans & other canned food & soups, canned fruit, spreads such as vegemite, peanut butter and jams and also breakfast cereals and long-life milk as well as canned fish such as tuna and sardines. Donations can also be made to the **Poor Box** which is situated near the entrance to the Gathering Area. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.



Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are now due back. Please put your boxes either on the collection plate or hand them back into the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity.



Special Ministers and Readers - New Roster to Collect

New Special Ministers and Readers Rosters are ready for collection in the Narthex of the church.

ROSTERS

Mass Time	1st Sunday of the Month 30/1 May 2022	
	Readers/Musician	Special Ministers
Sat 5.30pm	Melan Goh Pauline	Mary Ann Borg Christine Wates
Sun 9.00am	Laurine Shane Judy	Rosa Coniglio
Sun 11.00am	Ranali Perera Dennis Y	Anna Marie Ziino April Lewis
Sun 5.30pm	Hannah Rose Menzies Rebecca	Netty Solomon Kathy Menzies



Help Required - Special Ministers

We are looking for volunteers to help as Special Ministers for the 11am Sunday Mass. The commitment would be to serve as a special minister once per month on a rotating roster. As a volunteer of the parish you must be vaccinated, have a Working with Children Check and sign the Code of Conduct. If you are able to assist in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS

Mass Time	2nd Sunday of the Month 07/08 May 2022	
	Readers/Musician	Special Ministers
Sat 5.30pm	Janice Silvana Pauline	Charlie Mellican Noela Corby
Sun 9.00am	Juancho Natividad Judy	Betty McDonald Joy Guinane
Sun 11.00am	April Lewis Dennis Y	April Lewis Tam Pham
Sun 5.30pm	Shenuk Perera Henry Solomon	Netty Solomon Marie Serophim

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Helpers needed

We are currently looking for one - two more volunteers for the Level I and Level II Atria on a Tuesday after school. Two of our catechists have had to step down due to changing family and work situations post covid. Duties might be sitting with a child while they read scripture, or helping take a painting down off the easel. If you are able to assist between 3:50pm - 6:15pm on a Tuesday, you have a double vax certificate and a working with children check, please contact the parish office on 9808 1006. No experience is necessary, all are welcome! Thank you.

St Scholastica's acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations.



NOTICEBOARD

Communion to the sick

Do you know anyone who is sick or housebound, who would like to receive a visit from Fr Thinh? Perhaps the sick/homebound person is feeling isolated from the parish community and would like to receive communion on a regular basis. Please phone the parish office on 9808 1006.

Baptism at St Scholastica's

It is a requirement of the parish that a Baptism information night must be attended prior to having your child baptised. Contact the parish office on 9808 1006 to make a booking into one of the monthly sessions. Next session: **Thursday 5th May 2022** at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

Thanksgiving Program - Ways to contribute

- Envelopes (weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly)
- Credit cards
- Direct debits (set up by the parish office)
- Direct deposits to the parish account details can be found below.

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You can set up your direct deposit or credit card contributions yourself. Please always use your envelope number. Or Amelia and Dominique can assist with this. Please pop in to see us, send us an email or call us, lots of ways to help you out.

When receiving your new credit card please contact us with the new details if you wish to continue to contribute. We are thankful for all the support you give our parish especially during these challenging times.

Piety Stall:

Religious statues as well as other items are still available at the Piety Stall. The statues have been made available on consignment and include "Divine Mercy", "Mary of Lourdes", "Holy Family" and many others. The Piety stall is open every first weekend of the month after the 5.30pm mass on Saturdays and the 9.00am and 11am masses on Sundays.

Safeguarding Check

Don't forget if you volunteer in the Parish the office must have a copy of your:

- Working with Children Check
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Vaccination Status

Please contact the Parish Office for further information or for us to assist you with this process.

Quote of the week

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." *St. Catherine of Siena*

Joke of the week

In the attorney's office: A priest settled into a chair in a lawyer's office. "Is it true," said the priest, "that your firm does not charge the members of the clergy?" "I am afraid you are misinformed," stated the lawyer. "People in your profession can look forward to a reward in the next world, but we lawyers have to take ours in this one."

Mass of Thanksgiving for Health and Aged Care Workers

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

Mass Details: Sunday 1 May, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QE>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

Mass Details: Sunday 22 May, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

Saturday 30th April, 2022 From 11am – 4pm.

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From today's Gospel reading:

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said to him, "Lord you know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Reflection:

Perhaps, like Peter, we too might count one, two or three times recently when we have denied Jesus by our words or actions. At the beginning of today's Eucharist we made a three-fold request for mercy – "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy." That was our Peter-moment – our chance to be reminded of Jesus' love for us, even though we are sinners. It was also an opportunity to add, "Lord you know everything, you know that I love you."

So, we ask ourselves

- What shape do my denials of Jesus take in my daily life?
- How can I stop those denials and concretely do better at affirming my faith in the risen Christ?

St Scholastica's Parish is committed to creating a child safe culture that safeguards children and young people including the safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and young people, children and young people with a disability, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**3rd Sunday of Easter Year C -
30/1 May 2022****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.

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.
Thanks be to God.

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

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.**

Second Reading: Rv 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.
Thanks be to God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



**4th Sunday of Easter
Year C
7 & 8 May 2022**

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Rv 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

Scripture Commentary for 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C

The Gospel for this third Sunday of Easter describes at length an appearance of the risen Lord to seven of the male disciples in a scene by the Lake of Galilee, John 21:1-19. Apart from Jesus himself, Peter is the leading figure – and indeed there are several echoes in this account of St Luke's version of the call of Simon Peter early in his gospel (Luke 5:1-11): the fruitless fishing all night, the miraculously abundant catch when they follow the instructions of Jesus, a subsequent moment of deep conversion for Peter, followed by a specific commissioning of him for a new pastoral role.

The scene starts with a reversion on the part of the disciples, led by Peter, to their old trade of fishing. In the wider sequence of the Fourth Gospel, following on from their solemn commissioning and empowerment with the Spirit (20:19-23), this seems to be something of a falling-away from their high calling. Perhaps we are meant to take it as such. But in the gospel tradition generally fishing for fish (i.e., ordinary fishing) is a symbol of the mission of the Church. Fishers of fish are transformed into fishers of people. The present narrative describes how an encounter with the risen Lord works this transformation and so 're-founds' the core community of the Church around the pastoral role of Peter.

The arrangement of the graveclothes in the empty tomb of Jesus had served as a sign for the 'disciple whom Jesus loved' (13:23; 19:26-27), sparking off his faith in the resurrection (20:6-8). Now the superabundant catch of fish, where previously there had been none, functions again as a sign for his attuned faith. In the distant figure on the shore he recognises the presence of the risen Lord.

Simon Peter's spontaneous and extravagant response – jumping into the sea to swim to shore – shows the ardour of love and devotion. But this is a love that is soon to be probed and tested.

On the shore, Jesus has already prepared breakfast: bread and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. The meal to which he invites the disciples takes on eucharistic overtones in the phrases 'he took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish'. What we have in this scene is a nucleus of the Church, which, in the coming time of the physical absence of her Lord, will celebrate and experience in the Eucharist the ongoing hospitality of God that the disciples have received from Jesus.

The number of fish caught – one hundred and fifty-three – has long puzzled commentators. The best explanation is probably that which sees it as a reflection of an ancient belief that the sum total of separate nations in the world amounted to 153. The number, then, foreshadows the worldwide mission of the Church. With Jesus soon to depart in a physical sense, someone else is going to have to take the role of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep entrusted to him by the Father (John 10:11, 14-16). The role will fall to Simon Peter but first his qualifications must be probed and tested. By an earlier charcoal fire (18:18) he had denied Jesus three times. Hence the triple interrogation in which his love is gently probed: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' (21:15-19). Only if Simon loves Jesus 'more than these others' will he be suitable to take up the pastoral role which Jesus has exercised to the point of death. The interrogation goes on until Simon is moved at the depths of his being. There is no explicit censure of his denial, no demand for apology – just a sense conveyed that the triple protestation of love will more than adequately compensate for the past failure and show that Peter is ready and equipped to feed and tend the sheep, as Jesus had done. In fact, as Jesus goes on to foretell, Peter too will end his pastoral office by laying down his life in imitation of his Lord.

The First Reading, from Acts 5:27-32 40-41, describes the leadership of the Church getting under way in its task of giving witness to the saving events associated with Jesus' death and resurrection, and courageously confronting the opposition that is beginning to arise. Warnings and threats cannot shut down this enterprise begun with the power of the Spirit. Peter's statement, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men', has set the policy that heroic Christians have followed down the ages.

The Second Reading, from Revelation 5:11-14, lifts the eyes of the persecuted, suffering Church to the heavenly triumph of Christ (the Lamb), the impulse and guarantee of its mission. The triumph is not restricted to heaven. Fulfilling the vision of Phil 2:9-11, all living creatures on earth join in the worship and praise.

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Since returning from graduate studies in Oxford in 1977, Brendan Byrne has been Professor of New Testament at Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia, of which he was Principal (1992-97). He was Rector of Campion College, Kew (1979-84) and a delegate to the 33rd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus in 1983. He was a visiting professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, in 1993 and has also taught in East Asia and East Africa. He was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome) (1990-96) and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity (2000-01). He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1999. Brendan Byrne is the author of nine books, edits the theological journal *Pacifica* and regularly gives workshops on scripture to clergy and parish communities.