

FIRST READING

A reading from the 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

21:1-19

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...

(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 3rd / 4th MAY, 2025



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 (John 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?' (John 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.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)

Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday [OLA Church] 9:45 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C – 3rd / 4th MAY, 2025**

PRAYING FOR:

Mato Sabol, Andrija Sabol,
Elizabeth Chadwick, Lucio Piastrina,
Marie Louise Cotter, Patricia Okereke,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Myrtle McKenzie, William Hodder,
Mariangela Montirosso, Carmen Zahra,
John Martio, Francesca Piccolo, Anuj Sood,
Do Trung Cu, Marie Grainger,
Lawrence Crasto, Thelma White,
Agnes Windsor, Gladys Walters,
Jane Farrugia,

...and all who we remember at this time.

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C in the Lectionary cycle.**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to generously support our
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.

**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY
APPEAL** This weekend we have the
CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.
CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals,
families and communities to build strength,
resilience, and empowerment to reach their full
potential. Your generous donation will help the
most vulnerable and marginalised members of
our community – those facing unemployment
and homelessness, those experiencing mental
health challenges, families struggling with
relationship problems, people in hospitals and
prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those
experiencing grief and trauma.
**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria
Sunday Appeal.** You can donate using the
appeal envelopes available or donate online at
www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call: (03) 9287
5513. **CatholicCare thanks you once again
for your ongoing generosity.**

ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI's LETTER
Please pick up a copy of the Archbishop's Letter
about restorative works to St Patrick's Cathedral.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT
COMPASSION** A HUGE THANK YOU for
your generous support of the 2025 Lenten
Appeal. To date, a total of **\$2,743.10** has been
raised across the parish.



This Sunday 4th May, you're
invited to stay and join fellow
parishioners for a cuppa **after the
9am & 11am Masses,** in Meeting Room.

**GOOD FRIDAY – COLLECTION
FOR THE HOLY PLACES** Thank
you for your generous support of the
annual Good Friday Holy Places collection. This
year we raised **\$1,501.45** and this has been
forwarded onto the Franciscan 'Holy Land
Commissariat', for the preservation of sacred sites
and churches, in and around the Holy Land.

**FYI: THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
MASS COUNT** commences this weekend and
will be conducted each weekend, throughout the
month of May.

Gospel reading continued...

...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.'

**CAN YOU HELP? Nepean Welcoming
Immigrants and Newcomers with Dignity
(Nepean Wind)** is a group made up of
parishioners from our parish of Christ Our Light
and the parish of St Mary of the Cross,
Mordialloc/Aspendale. In support of a Syrian
refugee family (2 parents, 3 young daughters)
who will arrive in Australia at the end of May, we
are seeking short-term rental accommodation for
them (ideally for about 6 weeks or more). If you
or anyone you know can assist with short-term
rental accommodation, please get in touch.
Contact: Theresa Thomas (0400 126 010) or
Joan Kenny (0428 584 327).