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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Congratulations To



Zach Courtney, Sienna Courtney and Mila Jakic whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

We are still in the season of the full joy of the Resurrection, and our scripture readings lead us to a deepening of our faith and an understanding of this great mystery.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter speaking boldly to the high priest, confirming the faith of the early Christians, witnesses of the death and resurrection of Christ, and declaring their firm obedience to their Lord.

We can pray the Psalm with the risen Christ as he praises God for rescuing him from death and restoring him to life.

St John, in the Second Reading, takes us up with him into his vision of the Lamb being praised by all the heavenly hosts.

The Gospel gives us the wonderful account of Jesus's appearance by the Sea of Tiberias. It is rich with the reactions of the disciples, and with echoes of their earlier relationship with Jesus. It also looks forward to their apostolic and pastoral ministries.

May the readings this week help us to discover the risen Lord in our daily lives and lead us to witness to him.

REFLECTION

I come to my place of prayer, quieting my mind and spirit. I breathe gently, reminding myself that I am in the presence of my risen Lord. I rest here as long as I am comfortable.

Turning to the Gospel, I read it slowly. It is long but very vivid.

Maybe I can imagine the scene. What parts draw my attention?

Do I identify with Peter ...? In what way ...? Sitting with the disciples, what feelings arise as I contemplate this appearance of Jesus?

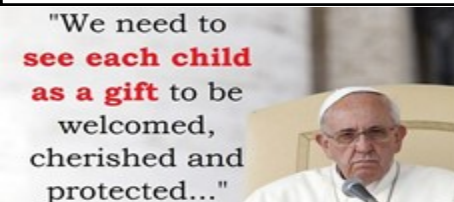
Perhaps I am drawn by Jesus's gentleness, his thoughtfulness, his humanity. Or, seeing echoes of earlier stories, I may be struck by his non-judgmental acceptance of his doubting disciples. I speak to the Lord of how I feel.

I turn to look at my own life. Can I see the risen Jesus in my work, my neighbours and surroundings? Maybe I shall try to be more aware this week.

I end my prayer with a slow 'Glory be ...'

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New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.



Friendship across the sea

The St Aloysius Parish Community Cronulla
linked in friendship with
St Joseph Parish Hato Udo Timor Leste





First reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 ::::

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.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 ::::

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: Revelation 5:11-14 ::::

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: John 21:1-19 ::::

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to his 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.

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 that 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 around 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone can help with readers and communion ministers, especially at the 10am Mass, could they contact Kim in the office?



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am at the Chapel.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Finance Committee meeting: 6.30pm at Parish Centre.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday:	Mother's Day Mass: 9.15am at St Francis de Sales.
Friday:	St Aloysius School Mass for Mother's Day.

Pastoral Council 2019

Last Sunday night the Pastoral Council for 2019 was commissioned. We ask Gods Richest Blessings upon our members that they will guide our Community in their Light for Christ. Members: Sue Lewis, Lisa Overton, Wayne Staunton, Tony Woodhouse, Glen Thompson, Eoghan Wright, Julie Yacoubian, Cathy Sammut, Brian Collins, Kerry Farrugia (Chairperson); Mirella Carbone and Luke Brbot absent.



Stella Maris Bingo Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

Wednesday 5th June

1pm

at Stella Maris 6 Coast Ave Cronulla

Cost: \$25 includes bingo book, dabber, afternoon tea and prizes

Contact Rina on 0414549919 or

Stella Maris office 85221200

Numbers and payment

By Wednesday 8th May 2019

May is the Month of Mary

Let us take some extra time to pray tenderly to Mary our Heavenly Mother during the month of May. Let us adorn Marys statue with flowers this May to show our love for her.



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Father Tom moving on to a new appointment

Archbishop Anthony has asked Father Tom to move to San Souci, St Finbar's as Parish Priest at the end of June. Father James McCarthy will be coming at the end of June to assume his responsibilities as Parish Priest of St Aloysius Parish. We will organise a farewell for Father Tom in June, so we can have the opportunity to say a fitting good, thank you and

Confirmation Dates 2019



Registration and Information Session Sunday 5th May @ 5.15pm and
6pm Mass

Commitment Mass Pentecost Sunday 16th June 6pm

Session One 3rd September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Session Two 10th September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Retreat Day 18th September 9am -3pm Thornton Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation 20th September 7pm

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 5th May to register your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 5.15pm followed by Mass at 6pm in the church. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate if they were not baptised at St Aloysius Cronulla. Contribution cost \$40.00. Please contact Cathy Sammut if you have any queries.

