

# The Living Word

**Third Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**4 May 2025**

## **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.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

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

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

**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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**

*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.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Jn 21:1-19**

**(or shorter form Jn 21:1-14)**

*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

3<sup>RD</sup> / 4<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

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**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:**

If you would like a Mass intention or Prayer for the Sick to be listed in the bulletin and/or Prayer of the Faithful, please email or call Isabella.

**THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday to Thursday:** 3:30pm onwards.

**Friday:** 7am onwards

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**WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

**Saturday**

11:30 am	Reconciliation
6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

**Sunday**

7:30am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

10:00am	Mass
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**Wednesday and Thursday**

5:00pm	Mass
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**MORNING TEA:**

Morning Tea is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, following the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Children's liturgy is held on Sunday's during the 9:30am Mass throughout the school term. All children who have not made their First Communion are welcome.

**SEND US MAIL:**

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**BAPTISM:** Celebrated every second Sunday of the month at 11am  
Enquires to: [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au)

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**MARRIAGE:** Celebrated at 1pm and 3:30pm on Saturday's. Other days by arrangement:  
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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, PRE-CONFIRMATION, & FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Contact our Catechist Helen by phone/text on 0401 329 479

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Novemdiales:** the traditional nine days of mourning for a Pope conclude this Sunday.

**6pm Vigil:** Mass offered for a celebration of the life of a longtime friend, for Daniel William Martin, requested by Tamsyn Gardner.

**7:30am:** Parishioner's intentions.

**9:30am:** Mass offered for Vineeth Chacko on the 22nd anniversary of his passing, requested by Sheril Chacko.

## FR. NINO ON LEAVE

### From the 9th to the 31st of May

I am very thankful to Fr Greg Donovan, Fr Vincent Conroy and Fr Peter Black for celebrating the Mass on the weekends and Mondays that I am away.

Tuesday to Friday there will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion (Communion service). I am very thankful to Deacon Bruce for leading these days and looking after the Parish.

- Fr. Nino Vinciguerra

## PIETY STALL IN THE PARISH CENTRE:

Following the 7:30am & 9:30am Mass, please join us in the Parish Centre as we run our piety store, where you can purchase gifts for Mother's Day.

**DONATING TO OUR PARISH:** Whilst we prefer contributions by direct credit, we invite you to use the EFTPOS machines as you enter the church, or the cash collection boxes at either entrance.

### 1st Collection - For the Priest


**Bank: NAB**  
**BSB: 086 006**  
**ACC: 72646 1615**

### 2nd Collection - For the Parish Expenses

**Bank: NAB**  
**BSB: 086 006**  
**ACC: 45853 7299**

**RESTORATION DONATIONS:** Envelopes are available on all pews and at the back of the Church! All donations are appreciated as we slowly restore the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre.

- Fr. Nino Vinciguerra



St. Columba's Parish is continuously raising funds to contribute towards our various renovations around the Presbytery, Church and Parish Centre. Every donation assists and we can not thank you enough for your generosity. - Fr. Nino Vinciguerra

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**Mother of Hope**  
A special **Mother's Day** concert

This Mother's Day treat your mother, grandmother or yourselves to experience a beautiful afternoon recital of sacred music with strings and choir. Proceeds will support Catholic Mission's maternity health project in Zambia providing life-giving support for vulnerable mothers and their babies.

All are welcome to this hour-long performance by Perth's finest choral singers and instrumentalists including Paul Wright (violinist) & Emma Spadaccini (soprano).


**SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025**  
**2.30pm - 3.30pm**  
St Columba's Catholic Church  
25 Forrest St, South Perth

After the concert please join us in St Columba's gardens and share in Devonshire Tea overlooking the picturesque view of the Swan River.

Book your tickets now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DALFN> or scan the QR code

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**Blessing of the Parish House**

Please join us on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 11am as Archbishop Timothy Costelloe blesses the newly renovated Parish House.

Sausage sizzle, drinks, coffee, tea and cakes will be available for purchase on the day.

Situated in the Parish gardens as we overlook the picturesque view of the Swan River.

7<sup>th</sup> of June at 11:00am  
St. Columba's Church,  
25 Forrest Street, South Perth, 6151



## GOSPEL [Continued]

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 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.'

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES & ENVELOPES:

We thank all our Parishioners for all of your donations throughout Lent towards Project Compassion. As a Parish, we raised \$3,485.65. Thank you for your generosity.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

The court scene in the first reading describes apostles who are courageous witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus and heralds to the world of this wondrous event. Peter, acting as their spokesperson, launches into a short sermon consisting of the fundamental apostolic proclamation. He situates Jesus squarely within the tradition of Israel by identifying the God who exalts Jesus as the God of the ancestors. Furthermore, he claims that the exalted Jesus is leader and saviour, two roles traditionally ascribed to Moses. Finally, he maintains that the opportunities for repentance and forgiveness of sin, for which Israel awaited, will be granted through Jesus, who was crucified but now exalted.

The Gospel opens with an account of a miraculous catch of fish into which is woven a second report, that of a meal on the shore (vv.1-14). This is followed by an exchange between Jesus and Peter (vv. 15-19). It begins and ends with the announcement that the risen Jesus revealed himself to his disciples (vv. 1, 14). Here recognition comes through Jesus' actions, not through his words. Only after they pulled in the multitude of fish did anyone recognise him. A meal prepared by the risen Jesus certainly has eucharistic or at least eschatological connotations. Jesus' exchange with Peter has links with Peter's earlier denial of him. Three times he denied Jesus; three times he is called upon to declare his love. He is then commissioned to assume the role of shepherd in the place of Jesus.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Will recommence this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass! All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcomed.

## MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH

**CENTRE:** Following the 9:30am Mass, please join us in the Parish Centre for our monthly morning tea. All are welcome!

