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Third Sunday of Easter—Year C - 4 May 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
“Do you love me? Feed my sheep.”

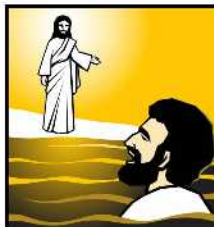
In this beautiful resurrection story, Jesus meets His disciples in a familiar setting—by the sea, in the middle of an ordinary activity: fishing. After a fruitless night, Jesus invites them to cast their nets again, and they are overwhelmed by the catch. It's a quiet reminder that apart from Him, our efforts often come up empty. But with Him, even the routine becomes miraculous. What follows is one of the most tender moments in the Gospel: Jesus, around a charcoal fire, gently restores Peter after his three denials.

In this post-resurrection encounter by the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus offers Peter a path of healing and mission. After Peter's three denials, Jesus asks him three times, “Do you love me?”—not to reproach, but to restore and recommission him. Each affirmation of love is met with a call to pastoral care: “Feed my lambs,” “Tend my sheep,” and “Feed my sheep.” This dialogue is a profound moment of reconciliation and trust, setting Peter on the path to shepherd the early Church.

Our beloved, Late Pope Francis has often reflected on this passage, emphasizing the personal and intimate nature of Jesus' questioning. He describes the exchange as a “calm dialogue, between friends,” highlighting the peace and subtlety of the moment. Pope Francis notes that Jesus' gaze upon Peter, both at their first meeting and during this encounter, is transformative. The Pope emphasizes that Jesus' gaze is not one of judgment but one that calls forth a deeper commitment to love and service.

This passage invites us to reflect on our own love for Christ. It reminds us that failure is never final with God. Jesus meets us where we are as a true companion. Then He provides us what we need and calls us back into loving service—no matter our past. Love is not just a feeling, but a call to action. Dear friends in Jesus Christ, Let us hear His question addressed to us today: “Do you love me?” And may we answer not just with words, but with lives that feed, care for, and serve others in His name. Amen

Fr Vinco Muriyadan



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

Sunday 7.30am Carmelite Monastery

9am St Patrick's Chapel, Prospect

9am St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay

10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston

5.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston

WEEKDAY MASSES 5-10 May

7.30am Monday-Saturday Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday 12noon Mass Newstead

Wednesday 12noon Mass Apostles

Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay

Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation 9.30am-10.30am, Apostles

4.15pm–4.45pm Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am

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[https://www.facebook.com/pg/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

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Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS

Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral Enquiries

Please contact the Parish Office

Interested in becoming Catholic

(RCIA Programme)

Enquiries: Parish Office

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay

2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teens Group: Gr 6-12

2nd and 4th Thursdays, St Ailbe's Hall

4pm-6pm from 8th May

YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Pastoral Centre

Enquiries: Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

With the death of Pope Francis, we learned about his deep love and devotion for our Blessed Mother. Since this is the month of May (know as Mary's month), I would like to reflect with you on the importance of Mary in our life as Catholics. During this month we shall study Marian Doctrine and her role in our life of faith, with **'Mary as a pilgrim of Hope.'** (Refer article in page 3)

Please note next Sunday 11th May we shall celebrate **Mother's Day** during all our parish Masses, please invite your mothers or those who have been maternal figures in your life to Mass and a special blessing.'

Eucharistic Ministers: *Could all Ministers who were on the rosters before Covid, and those who would like to be considered for this Ministry please contact the office as we will try and get new rosters established. I intend to meet with all Eucharistic Ministers soon.*

Fr Leonard

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES A prayer time remembering all deceased Presentation Sisters and Associates will be held on **Saturday 10th May** in the Parish Centre commencing at **2 pm**.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will be held in the **Nano Nagle Room, Presentation House (behind the Pastoral Centre)** on **Wednesdays at 11am and at 5pm**. Christian Meditation is a method of prayer to help us set our eyes on God, in silence and grow closer to Him with Gratitude and Love. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

HEALING MASS for all the sick and aged in our parish for all those who are in need of Our Good Lord's anointing and mercy. **Every First Friday at Church of the Apostles at 12 noon**.

LECTIO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY **Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm**. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome**.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday when the 12noon Mass is held at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop, 7 Cambridge St, West Launceston is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.

Prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.



O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for Sacramental Candidates

Loving God, we ask you to bless these children. May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives. We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart. We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith. May our Parish community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

FAITH - SHARING SESSIONS

A reminder to our candidates and their families that the first of the faith sharing sessions are this coming Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th May at the Church of the Apostles, 3pm - 7.00pm.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

From Monday 19th May, the office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10am and 3pm. It will be closed on Tuesdays.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 21:1-19)

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Skylar Stanley (Peter and Jaslene) and Aurora Whiteley (Thomas and Sharni)** who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Sonya Byrne, Angela Medwin, Joanne Foley, Margaret Grossmith, Therese Brennan, Irene La Palombara, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Cheryl Dawtrey, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Pope Francis who has died recently, Fr John Williams, Michael Brock, Bill Duffy, Grant Arnold, Christina Coombe, Brian Welch, Matteo Arvia, Maurice Scully, Leo Leyden, Wayne Harris, John Vitruve, Ella Earley, Geoffrey Murray, Ken Lee-Archer, Lino Quagliotto, Frances Heritage, Irene Hudson, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

FAITH AND CATECHESIS

What the church teaches - the Blessed Virgin Mary, pilgrim of Hope

Imagine an average Catholic of goodwill. He or she doesn't have a devotion to the Blessed Mother, but he or she isn't necessarily opposed to it. Going to Mass faithfully every Sunday and, as one interested in growing in his or her faith, sincerely wants to know whether or not Mary is "essential." As far as they are concerned, Marian devotion is fine for some, but is unsure about Mary's importance and asks, "As a Catholic, what must I believe about Mary?" It's an essential question. This article will attempt to answer it by first examining what it means to be a Catholic Christian, and then seeing what Mother Church teaches definitively about the Blessed Mother.

To understand why a Catholic would be obligated to believe something, we must first consider what it means to be a Catholic. The word "catholic" is a combination of Greek words κατά (about) and ὅλος (whole), which the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) translates to "according to the totality" or "in keeping with the whole," (CCC, 830) Understood in this sense, being a Catholic means, we can't take only the bits and pieces we like, as if one were at a buffet. We either take or leave everything.

In practice, this means accepting the perennial teachings of the Church contained in the depositum fidei (Sacred deposit of faith) as revealed by Christ and given to the Apostles, and handed down to their successors throughout the ages. Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium make up this deposit. We can think of these as the three legs of a stool. Keeping that image in mind, the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum, says, "one of them cannot stand without the others." (Dei Verbum, 10) As we explore Marian doctrine, we will look to this single deposit to see what the Church infallibly teaches.

Dogma and Doctrine – What's the Difference? Some of the doctrines contained in the deposit of faith are dogmas. A dogma is a truth proclaimed by the Church to which the Christian owes "an irrevocable adherence of faith." (CCC, 88) In other words, dogma is not up for debate; it is something a Catholic must believe. Dogmas are essential. They serve as "lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure." (CCC, 89) Without them, we wouldn't know what to believe; we would be left in darkness and in error.

This month of May, dedicated to Mary, we shall examine and study what the church teaches us about Mary and why it's important to our journey of faith.



*I wish to thank Jan Williams, Sue McKenzie, Tina Ritchie, Mary Sexton, Eric Welch and Mary Sahib who helped at the recent working bee to clean Church of the Apostles in readiness for Easter. Your generosity with your time is much appreciated.
Carolyn, Parish Secretary*



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DINING WITH FRIENDS

6pm, Tuesday 6th May

in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering purposes with St Vincent de Paul

Society Office: Ph: 6326 5551

Please note the dining room will be open at
5.45pm



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PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM & FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

With the start of the new financial year in July, Planned Giving envelopes will be distributed during June to those already receiving them.

- ◆ If you would like to join the planned giving program using envelopes, please contact the Parish Office via email: apostles@bigpond.com or phone 6331 4377 during office hours.
- ◆ Regular direct debit donations can also be set up through your internet banking using the following details:
Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish **BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153. **Reference:** "your surname"
- ◆ **Eftpos** is also available in the office for donations either via credit or debit cards.

A special **thank you** to all parishioners for your continued financial support through donations using the **Tap to Donate** terminals in our churches each weekend and through the **Planned Giving Program**.



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

*Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit: SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au*

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41 Gospel Acclamation

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.

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

Gospel

John 21:1-14 Shorter form

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.

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

(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.
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.
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.

Second Reading 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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 99:1-3,5
Revelations 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..

