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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025**

**READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

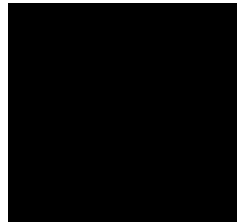
Acts 5:27–32, 40–41

Psalm 30

Apocalypse 5:11–14

Gospel John 21:1–19

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



**MINISTERS**

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Fel Aralar & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025**

**READINGS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 13:14,43–52

Psalm 100

Apocalypse 7:9,14–17

Gospel John 10:27–30

**'I give my sheep eternal life.'**



**MINISTERS**

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: D Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: James Aralar

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Frances Chaplow & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

Today's long Gospel has three movements: the extraordinary catch of fish, the meal on the beach with obvious Eucharistic overtones and the dialogue with Peter which contains his commissioning as leader of the flock.

The great haul of fish of so many varieties indicates that the good news of the Gospel will take root in many nations and bring many converts but only with the help of the Lord. Alone, they have been unsuccessful. The open air meal indicates that Jesus still nourishes his disciples and evokes the many meals that Jesus shared with his followers.

Jesus' dialogue with Peter establishes that love is the basis from which a genuine Christian ministry of service springs. Along with other Gospel texts, this passage reinforces the role given to Peter as the future leader of the flock, the one who is given the task of caring for the sheep after the Shepherd has gone.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**TODAY – 4TH MAY**  
**DUTY— Phil Jennens & Josie Clark**

**During the month of May a group of us join together to recite the rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am.**



**CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS** must go to the Liturgy Team for their work in preparing and leading us through Holy Week. Thanks also to all who took part in each or all of the celebrations. This period now, from Easter Sunday is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent – Easter – Pentecost cycle.



Loving God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis.

In him you gave us a man of humility, one who valued listening to the voices of the voiceless,

compassion for the undervalued, mercy for sinners and justice for the oppressed.

You gave us a pastor who led through the example of his love for your people and your creation, who was not ashamed to smell like his sheep.

Comfort all who mourn his passing, and may the angels now lead him to paradise with you

to rest in your peace for eternity.

May your Spirit guide the future successor to your servant Francis

to continue the work you have begun through him,

for the good of the Church and the world.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

[From Liturgical Press used with thanks]

The setting for this text in John's Gospel is while Jesus is in Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication, a feast celebrating the presence of God in the Temple. The Temple was not just a building for Israel. It was the visible place where God dwelt in the heart of his people; to go to the Temple and worship was to 'approach God.' Jesus is teaching something completely new here. He stands within the Temple precinct and declares that it is only through him and through hearing his voice that people can come to the Father. The voice of Jesus is both seen and heard in the events of his life, death and resurrection. It is through all these that the ways of God are made known to us.



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—11TH MAY**  
**National Vocations Week 11–17 May**  
**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025**

**Supporting Auckland Seminarians**

With 11 men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland, we are blessed with our largest intake in many years. Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, support their formation.

**ENVELOPES WITH THIS NEWSLETTER  
 CAN EITHER BE:**

- \* LEFT IN COLLECTION BASKET OR
- \* PAY DIRECTLY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ON ENVELOPE

**ROSARY**

Every Wednesday at 5pm.



Continue using the Easter and initiation symbols in your prayer. Pray for each other, for all the sheep of the flock and for those who shepherd them.



Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she is the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you are not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colour of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter. She is the place you came from, your first home, and she is the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space.....Not even death.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR  
 MOTHERS**



**MINISTERS – 18th May 2025**

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Eileen Leonard & Alice Douglas  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS – 25th May 2025**

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks  
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Stephen Crooymans & Fel Aralar  
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 18th May 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 14:21-27  
Psalm 145  
Apocalypse 21:1-5  
Gospel John 13:31-35



**READINGS – 25th May 2025**

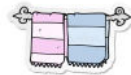
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2,22-29  
Psalm 67  
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23  
Gospel John 14:23-29



**CHURCH LINEN**

MAY Phyllis Hayward  
JUNE Alice Douglas



**FLOWERS**

W/E May 10th Moya Lynch  
W/E May 17th Kay Brydon  
W/E May 24th Fel Aralar



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL  
BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH  
MAY AT 5.30PM**



May 13 Robert Hicks

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Michael Lynch, Geoff Patterson, Frank Walsh, June Smith.

**If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on 07 868 6169 and leave a message. Father will get back to you.**

**And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of May:** Dave Laurich, Kathy Karl, Mary Hoogeveen, Sr Mary Gaines, Lisa Kuper, Doug Leonard, Beryl Manning.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.