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Third Sunday of Easter (3rd/4th May, 2025)

Brothers and sisters,

We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events.

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of us, even when we try to evade Him.

The first reading (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41), tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of His Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection. Peter stands before the Jewish Supreme Court – the Sanhedrin – boldly announcing that he and the others must obey God rather than men.

The second reading (Revelations 5:11-14), presents John's vision of the Risen Lord as the glorified "Lamb of God," enthroned in Heaven. The whole of Revelation is an expression of Christian hope in the Risen Lord.

Today's Gospel (John 21:1-19) tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Saviour who goes in search of His band of disappointed and dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus himself. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are the duties of the Church in her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen for the quality of his love to serve as leader in a community of brothers and sisters. As his primary mission, Peter is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom.

We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events: The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering. Acts 9:1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus Road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, pain, suffering, and problems in relationships. The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers. He is present in those who visit us and encourages us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs.



God is Good,
All the Time!

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Readings for this week
Third Sunday of Easter (4th April)

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

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

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creations; he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Readings for Next Week
Fourth Sunday of Easter (11th April)

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm:
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30
I give my sheep eternal life.

Events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's (excluding the 5th Sunday of the month)

Morning tea will be served on the first Sunday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St John the Baptist.

St Patrick's Day Dinner—Friday 25th July

Parish Jubilee Celebration—Sunday 27th July

Birthday Celebrations!

Fr Kevin celebrates his birthday on Monday 5th May—please pass on your birthday wishes to him when you see him over the weekend. We ask that God continues to bless him with good health for years to come!



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Money Counting

6th May—Colleen 12th May—Trish
19th May—Peter 26th May—Colleen

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Ron Pokarier, Margaret Fechner, Tony Torre, Maria Malcotti, Terry Geraghty, Margaret Ford, D Wilde, Baby Jaime, Janet Young, Rosie, Paul Cameron, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, and Julie Fraser

We remember and pray for those who have recently died

Colleen Phyllis Purdon (27/8/1947—26/4/2025)
Requiem Mass to be held at St John the Baptist Church, Tamborine Mountain Wednesday 7th May at 10:30am

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kevin Cahill— 26th April, 2024

Noel Clarke— 29th April, 1998

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Sr Catharina Funeral

Thank you to those who attended Sr Catharina's funeral. Our Parish was very well represented by those who were able to make it to her beautiful send off. We pray that she is now resting peacefully in the presence of God's loving embrace. We also thank CentaCare who allowed us use of their bus for transportation, without cost.

Pope Francis Memorial Masses

Thank you to those who attended the Masses that were held in memory of Pope Francis on Wednesday at Tamborine Mountain and Beaudesert.

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary. We are thrilled to invite you to our special Rosary prayer sessions dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday to Friday, online via Teams From the 1st to the 31st May, 10am-11am. Meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>



Change of date for parish Confirmation 8th June

The date for school Confirmation in our parish this year will now be the 8th June, during the 9:30 Mass at St Mary's Beaudesert. This means the celebration is on the same day as Pentecost Sunday which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples. If you cannot attend this date there will be another opportunity next year.

Happy Labour Day

Through the intercession of St Joseph the Worker we pray for workers to be treated respect and dignity, and for a happy Labour Day. May they work for the Lord in what they do.

Jubilee Celebrations— Papal Blessings

Thank you to those who have either nominated themselves or their loved ones for a Papal Blessing for their anniversary.

If you have nominated yourself, or someone else for a wedding anniversary, we ask that you please send either Sam Hamer (0409 592 010) or the Parish office a photo of your wedding day, plus your most recent photo together. We also will need the details of the Church your wedding took place. Your help with this information is appreciated.

Bible Reflection—4th May 2025 (Third Sunday of Easter)

'When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.' - John 21:4-6

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church?

Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the "right side."

Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection.

Reflection taken from Clergy & Parish Bulletin Vol23#8

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
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. Amen.

The Rites of the Conclave

The rites of the conclave begin with the public Mass which is set to be celebrated on May 7 at 10am local time in St Peter's Basilica. The cardinals to gather in the late afternoon in the Pauline Chapel and then process into the Sistine Chapel.

The cardinals will take an oath to "faithfully and scrupulously observe" the rules for electing a pope. They also promise to keep everything having to do with the election secret.

When the last cardinal has placed his hand on the Book of the Gospels and sworn the oath, Archbishop Diego Ravelli, Vatican master of liturgical ceremonies, will say: "Extra omnes," ordering all those not directly involved in the conclave out of the Sistine Chapel.

The cardinals decide together whether they will cast one ballot on the first evening.

After that, two ballots can be cast each morning and two each afternoon until a candidate garners two-thirds of the votes. On the fourth day, if no one has been elected, the cardinals pause for extended prayer.

When someone reaches the two-thirds threshold – 89 votes if, as reported, 133 cardinals enter the conclave – he will be asked by the most senior ranking cardinal, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, "Do you accept your canonical election as supreme pontiff?"

The ballots, along with the cardinals' notes or running tallies of the votes, are burned with a chemical additive to produce white smoke and announce to the world that there has been a successful election.

Then the senior cardinal deacon, French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, will go to the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica and declare to the public, "Habemus papam" ("We have a pope").

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Jubilee of Entrepreneurs 4th-5th May



From Pope Francis' Message to French entrepreneurs (2023):

"Entrepreneurs suffer when their business suffers, and they suffer a great deal when the business goes bankrupt and has to close. There is little in the media about the difficulties and pain of entrepreneurs who close their businesses and fail through no fault of their own.

The book of Job teaches us that misfortune is not synonymous with fault, because it also strikes the righteous, and that success is not immediately synonymous with virtue and goodness. Misfortune affects everyone, the good and the bad alike. The Church understands the suffering of the good entrepreneur, she understands your suffering. She welcomes it, she accompanies you, she thanks you. From the very beginning, the Church has also welcomed merchants, the precursors of modern entrepreneurs. In the Bible and the Gospels, there is often talk of money and trade, and some of the most beautiful stories in the history of salvation are also about economics: drachmas, talents, landowners, administrators, precious pearls. In the Gospel of Luke, the father of the prodigal son is presented to us as a rich man, perhaps a landowner. In the same way, the Good Samaritan could have been a merchant; he stopped by the wounded man, took care of him and then entrusted him to an innkeeper, paying him with two denarii.

"The good entrepreneur, like the "good shepherd" of the Gospel, unlike the "hireling", knows his workers because he knows their work. One of the serious crises of our time is the entrepreneur's loss of contact with the work of his company, and therefore with his workers, who become "invisible" (Pierre Y. Gomes). You became entrepreneurs because one day you were fascinated by the smell of the workshop, by the joy of touching your products with your hands, by the satisfaction of seeing that your services are useful: never forget that this is how your vocation was born. And in this you are like Joseph, like Jesus who spent part of his life working as a craftsman: "the Word became a carpenter". He knew the aroma of wood."

Lord God,

we pray for those who are entrepreneurs in our world.

May their eyes be open to see the needs of their clients, employees, and all they encounter in their entrepreneurial journey.

May they strive to achieve a fair distribution of the world's resources, to protect the human family, and to take care of our common home.

May their hearts be filled with the desire to serve more than to be served, to give more than to receive, and to love unconditionally as You love us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Jubilee Within Our Parish— Updates

St Joseph's Rathdowney, Jubilee Mass

Mass for Rathdowney in May will be held on **SUNDAY 18th May at 11am** to celebrate the feast of St Joseph and the Jubilee year. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will commence from 10am.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch following Mass. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided.

We encourage our entire Parishioner base to come along to support our country churches as they all host their Jubilee Masses throughout the year.

St Mary's Jubilee Celebration— 27th July

The Jubilee committee is aiming to bring a Multicultural aspect to the Jubilee celebration. If you have a traditional dish from your country that you would like to provide for the day, please contact Sam on 0409 592 010, or the Parish Office.

The committee is also asking for volunteers to help set up tables and chairs on the day—please contact Sam or the Office if you would be able to help.

Please don't forget to send in photos of you on your wedding day and your most recent photo together if you have requested a Papal Blessing. We also require the details of your wedding and your full names at the time of your wedding. *Thank you.*

Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of
becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 5th—11th May

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm - 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7:00am		Tamborine Mtn 9:00am		Beaudesert 9:15am	Kerry 4.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Funeral Mass at 10:30am.			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Canungra 9.00am
		Beaudesert 5:30pm				Beaudesert 9.30am & 5.30pm (Family Mass)

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.'

Our mission is: evangelisation of our parish and wider communities; liturgy and prayer opportunities that form, inform and transform our faith; pastoral support through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and leadership that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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