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**LITURGY**

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

**Response to the Psalm:** I will praise you , Lord, you have rescued me

**Second reading:** Apocalypse 5:11-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

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**Dear Parishioners**

Jesus' friendship with Peter had begun in Galilee. He had called him from his nets and fishing to be with him. The love had begun there too – the love of friendship, the gift given from above. “You did not choose me, I chose you, to go out and bear fruit!” Only love bears fruit. It does so in Jerusalem, where the Lord is crucified and Peter denied him three times. The love of Christ for Peter was shown upon the cross, in a bloody agony. Peter's heart had flushed with sorrow. It was too late! The Lord whom he loved was dead, lying on the floor of the tomb, his body limp.

Now he was alive! suddenly among them on the shores of Galilee. There is a new fire burning in Peter's heart. It is the fire of the resurrection. The Lord lights that fire by forgiving him...three times...for each and every failure.

The friendship begins again for this is a morning of the resurrection. It is the fire of Easter and it lights in Peter's heart. It lights in every heart where the Paschal candle is lit. **It is the flame of love!** The fishermen carry it in the boat and it is an eternal flame that can never be extinguished.

Peter will eventually carry it to Rome. As an old man, he will be tied by the soldiers of Nero, and made to climb. He will be crucified with his feet upward – his own request, being so unlike his Master! His face will be low to the ground, close to the dust of men. In his heart...the shore of Galilee, the voice of Christ speaking to him, yesterday, today, and forever, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

This direct Easter question was given by Jesus to Peter and is given to us today. It is ours to answer Yes or No, not with our word but with our lives!

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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### Masses

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Margaret & Tim Butler RIP
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Patricia O'Brien RIP
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May			
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		SS Philip & James(F)	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May		All Martyrs of England & Wales(F)	
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> May			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May			
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 5.00pm	<b>First Holy Communion 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Young People People of the Parish
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	Margaret Kickham & Family

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.**

#### **Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards, Deacon Peter, Jill Spurrell.

#### **Those who have recently died: ,**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien.

### **Information**

We are still respectfully requesting that people wear a face covering in church if they can and that people please use the hand sanitizer on entry into the church. **Could I also please ask for more volunteers to be readers and ministers of communion for both Saturday and Sunday.**

### **First Communions**

Please pray for the young people from St. Mary's School who will be receiving their First Holy Communions at a special Mass at 10.00am next Saturday.

### **Second Collection**

We realise that everyone is suffering from the financial pressures of the governments latest budget. None of us would have thought that we would have to choose between heat or eat. There are many families and elderly people who are having to do so and this is appalling! The financial pressures on this church are not exempt. Like you everything we need such as electricity, gas and items for the liturgy have all rocketed in price. It has been decided by the finance committee, therefore, to have a second collection at every Mass after communion to help towards the upkeep of the church building and to pay the diocesan levy which currently stands at nearly £6000 per annum! At times the second collection will be for other charities, and these will be noted in the bulletin.

A number of people have signed up for 'Standing Orders' and 'Gift Aid,' and we thank them for that, but it would be really helpful if more people could do so. There are forms and poster information at the back of the church on your left as you enter.

Thank you for your help.

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