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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**1 MAY 2022:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41  
 Resp. Psalm: 29 (30): 2, 4-6, 11-13  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14  
 Gospel: John 21: 1-19

| Date                | Details   | Liturgies  | Time                              |
|---------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 1 May</b> | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>(p. 470 – Year C)  | <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b><br><b>Holy Mass</b> | <b>9.30 am</b><br><b>11.00 am</b> |
| Monday 2 May        | St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor  | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am                |
| Tuesday 3 May       | Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)   | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 6.45 pm<br>7.30 pm                |
| Wednesday 4 May     | Wednesday of Week 3 in Eastertide   | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am                |
| Thursday 5 May      | Thursday of Week 3 in Eastertide<br>Mass Intention: Stewart MacLennan, RIP<br>(First Anniversary Today) | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 6.45 pm<br>7.30 pm                |
| Friday 6 May        | Friday of Week 3 in Eastertide  | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am                |
| Saturday 7 May      | Saturday of Week 3 in Eastertide<br>Mass Intention: In Honour of<br>Our Lady's Immaculate Heart         | Eucharistic Adoration<br>Live-Streamed Holy Mass   | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am                |
| <b>Sunday 8 May</b> | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>(p. 475 – Year C)   | <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b><br><b>Holy Mass</b> | <b>9.30 am</b><br><b>11.00 am</b> |

## Third Sunday of Easter: Fire of Love

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned. One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see John 18:18).

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see John 13:38; 18:15-18, 25-27). Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command “feed My sheep” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church (see also Luke 22:32).

Jesus’ question: “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life

for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken (see John 13:37; Matthew 26:33; Luke 22:33).

Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion (“you will stretch out your hands”).

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered (see Matthew 10:16-19,22; John 15:18-20; 16:2). We see the beginnings of that persecution in today’s First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.”

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing,” as we sing in today’s Psalm. By their sufferings, the know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before “the Lamb that was slain,” a scene glimpsed in today’s Second Reading (see also Revelation 6:9-11). (Scott Hahn)

## NEWS

### **TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): Third Sunday of Easter, Year C (pp. 470 ff.)**

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 470: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 561: Preface III of Easter

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**SYNODAL PROCESS:** The second of our Parish Synodal Meetings takes place this coming Saturday, **7 May, 10.30am-12.30pm**. Please do come along if you are free. This is the first time the worldwide Church has undertaken this process, in every parish around the world. It is a unique opportunity for you to have your voice heard! Come and join us!

**BISHOP HUGH'S TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST:** The talks will take place every Thursday evening from 21<sup>st</sup> April though to 2<sup>nd</sup> June (inclusive) at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All talks will be live-streamed. For further details, see the relevant homepage at: <https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/6eseighv>. The second talk in the series will be **this Thursday 5 May**, and is entitled: The Introductory Rites of the Mass. It can be viewed online here: <https://youtu.be/Am8BwRDhlB0>

**'THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA: AN ILLUSTRATED TALK'** – given by Knight Angus Hay, at St. Columba's, on **Wednesday 25 May. 6.00pm: Reception & Refreshments; 6.30pm: Talk begins.** – The talk will set out the history of the Order, from its 11<sup>th</sup>-century origins in the Holy Land, through its epic sea battles in the Mediterranean, to its present-day international humanitarian and relief work. All welcome!

**PLUSCARDEN PENTECOST LECTURES: LIVE-STREAMED, 7-9 JUNE 2022** – This year's Lecturer is Dr Christopher Ruddy, of the Catholic University of America, postponed from 2020. His talks will be livestreamed direct from the US at the usual times, to fit in with the monastic timetable. A link will be available nearer the time on the Pluscarden Abbey website and recordings will be available afterwards for those who cannot tune in live. The theme of Dr. Ruddy's talks will be as follows: "It ain't no sin to be glad you're alive": Praise in an Age of Agitation".

**LIGHT OF THE NORTH:** the Spring 2022 edition of the LOTN is now available online. To access this, please go to the following website: <https://www.lightofthenorth.org>

**PIETY STALL: First Holy Communion? Confirmation?** We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacramental occasions. How about a Rosary for the Marian month of May? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

**90 CLUB – APRIL WINNERS!** First Prize: Angus and Crissie Sinclair; Second Prize: Ellen Williams; Third Prize: Pat Grant. Congratulations to all our winners! Next Draw: Sunday 29 May. If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month. You too could be a winner! Good luck to you all.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming, Sister Frances Connochie, Eileen Anne Millar

**RIP:** Nancy Cameron, Ewen MacPhee, Liliana Pieraccini, Krzysztof Adamski

**Anniversaries:** Stewart MacLennan, Lillian Stuart