

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these others do?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord, You know I love You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time He said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love Me?’ He replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Look after my sheep.’ Then He said to him a third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love Me?’ Peter was upset that He asked him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ and said, ‘Lord, You know everything; You know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.’ In these words He indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this He said, ‘Follow Me.’

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: Come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Authority must never be without love. Love of Our Lord precedes any fruitful service in His name. Such is the lesson that Christ once more inculcates as He reinstates Peter to the apostolic office from which he had fallen. Once again He addresses him as Simon, reminding him of the critical moments when Christ had first given him a new name and new authority (Mt 16:14) and had warned him of his impending fall, while promising restoration through His love (Lk 22:31). Though authority in the Church is based on love, love in its turn is inseparable from obedience. ‘If you have any love for Me, you must keep the commandments which I give you’ (John 14:15).

The gospel account of Christ’s triple question to Peter introduces a curious detail. The Greek text uses two different words, both of which are translated into English as ‘love’. The first of these words is *agapao*, a word that implies a knowledge of the preciousness of the one who is loved. It is the word John uses to express God’s love for fallen man, whom He so loved ‘that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish’. The other Greek word is *phileo*, indicating the response of the human spirit to anything that appears as pleasurable, a love implying some kind of friendship.

The first two times that Christ asks Peter to proclaim his love for Him, He uses the word *agapao*, whereas the third and final question contains the word *phileo*. But each time, Peter in his answer uses the same word, the word *phileo*. In the New Testament, it is the less frequently used word to describe love. *Agapao*, implying

an awakened and higher sense of value, occurs about 320 times; *phileo*, indicating a love of friendship, only 45 times. To recreate the scene in the terms and form of a playwright might produce a result something like this:

Christ: Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than do these others, with a divine, sacrificial, victimlike and self-surrendering love?

Peter: You know, Lord, that I love You with a deep, human, instinctive, personal affection, as my closest friend.

Christ: Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than do these others, with a divine, sacrificial, victimlike and self-surrendering love?

Peter: I have already told You, Master. You know that I love You with a deep, human, instinctive, personal affection, as my closest friend.

Christ: Simon, son of John, do you love Me with a deep, human, instinctive, personal affection, as a very close friend?

Peter: How often, Lord, must I repeat my answer? For the third time, I love You with the deep, human, instinctive, personal affection one has for one’s closest friend.

Peter’s answer shows that he was hurt. He was grievously hurt. Yet the reason is not quite as simple as might appear on the surface. It was not just the thrice-repeated question that upset him. It was rather that the change from *agapao* to *phileo* indicated a scaling down of Our Lord’s demands. He was no longer calling for the victim kind of love for which He had first asked. It is as if Our Lord were putting His hands under that poor, weak, fragile love of Peter, just as He in fact starts with our poor, weak, human love as a beginning of a rich apostolate. The Lord asked for a love of devotion, and all He got was a love of emotion. But even that He does not reject. It is not enough, He says, but it is enough to start.

During the public life, when Our Blessed Lord had told Peter that he was a rock upon which He would build His Church, He prophesied also that He Himself would be crucified and would rise again. Peter then tempted Him away from the Cross. In reparation for that temptation, which Our Blessed Lord called satanic, He now notified Peter that He was not only commissioning Him with full authority to rule over His lambs and sheep, but that He was arranging for him yet another parallel with Himself, that Peter too would die upon the cross. ‘You will have a cross like that to which they nailed Me,’ He told him in effect, ‘the cross you would have denied Me and thus precluded My glory. Now you must learn what it really means to love. My love is a vestibule to death. Because I loved you, they killed Me.; for your love of Me, they will kill you. I once said that the Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep; now you are My shepherd in My place; you will receive the same reward for your labours as I have received – crossbeams, nails, and then ... life eternal.’

Impulsive and self-willed in the days of his youth, Peter would in his old age glorify the Master by a death on a cross.

(The Priest is Not His Own)



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

4 MAY 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”



“To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake.”
- St Peter Claver

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R: I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.

◆ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.



Sacred Heart Parish

(Canonically Erected 1868)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

May 4, 2025



PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

81 Vivian St. Inverell, NSW 2360

(P. O. Box 107)

Phone 67221103

Email: inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or

frpchandler@armidale.catholic.org.au

Website: www.sacredheartinverell.org.au

Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Inverell

Holy Trinity School Ph: 02 6722 4066

Parish Office Hours:

Monday 5 May & Friday 9 May - 8am to 1pm

Tuesday 6 May - 8am to 12pm

Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler

PPC Chair: Mr Matthew Rennie

Holy Trinity Principal: Mrs Jillian Rainger

Parish Secretary: Peter Turner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis, Stephen Tubb, Janet O'Reilly, Terry Savoy, Daniel Wilson, Straton Kennedy.

the sick:

Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

MAY - THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY 5th

Monday of the 3rd week of Easter

Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 6th

Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Confession - 11.40am at Holy Trinity School

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 7th

Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter

Holy Mass - 6.30am for the Election of the Supreme Pontiff

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

THURSDAY 8th

Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

Consecration & installation of Bishop-elect Murphy 6.30pm

FRIDAY 9th

Friday of the 3rd week of Easter

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12.00pm

Holy Hour - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

SATURDAY 10th

Feast Day of St John de Avila, priest, doctor

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Bundarra

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 11th

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - Bundarra, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - Ashford, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - Tingha, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - Yetman, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR MAY

Pat Bailey & Kay Gardner

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 11 May 2025, after Mass

Liturgy Committee - Sat 17 May 2025, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 28 May 2025, 5.00pm

Pastoral Council - Wed 14 May 2025, 5.00pm

Six-Weekend Ministry Roster

This is displayed on the table at the main entrance to the Church.

Morning Tea

There will be Morning Tea after the 9am Mass next Sunday. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share.

Holy Mass at Bundarra

Please note that the Mass scheduled for May 10th will be the last Mass at Bundarra. This is a sad yet historic occasion.

All parishioners are invited to attend, especially if you have a connection to Our Lady of the Angels Church. The Mass will be at 3.30pm, and will fulfill your Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

After Mass, there will be the opportunity to pay respects to the church building, which has served Bundarra and surroundings since 1913. For a donation, some smaller items from the church may be available to take home with you as a keepsake and memento.

Please email the Parish Office if you are intending to come, so that the numbers for Holy Communion may be estimated.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation has been set for our Parish on **Sunday the 22nd of June 2025 at the 9am Mass.**

If you have a child or grandchild attending a Public School in Year 6 or older, and he/she has not received this Sacrament. We invite and encourage them to be part of the 2025 Confirmation Program.

A Parent Information Session will be held next week: Wednesday, 7th of May at 1:15pm and 6pm in Sacred Heart Church. If it is not possible to attend this, arrangements can be made with Fr Paul for another time and day. Families need only attend one information session.

Students participating in the program from the local Public Schools will begin lessons on Tuesday, 13th May at 4pm to 5:30pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Church.

Please email Fr Paul, if you would like to enrol your child, attending a Public School, in the Preparation Program for Confirmation.

For those attending Public Schools and have not yet received their First Holy Communion, there will be a preparation programme in Term 3.

Consecration and Installation of our new Bishop

Fr Peter Murphy will be episcopally ordained and installed as the 11th Bishop of Armidale on Thursday, May 8th, at 6.30pm in our Cathedral of St Mary and St Joseph, Armidale.

If you are not attending, the Ceremony will be livestreamed. The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/Kz2jbNJJZwg?feature=share>

Please note: There are some changes to Mass times for this coming week in the Parish arising from this.

NOVEMDIALES - the nine days of mourning for the Roman Pontiff

There were two different schedules circulating in the media (both Catholic and secular) about when the Novemdiales began. Vatican News has confirmed that the nine days began on Saturday 26th April with the late Pope's funeral, not the day of his death.

May - Holy Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a tradition that dates back at least 700 years. A time of springtime and renewal in the Northern Hemisphere where the tradition began, May is a suitable time in which to honour the Blessed Virgin who brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, Who brought about a new spring.

Prayer: Hail Mary, White Lily of the Glorious and always serene Trinity. Hail brilliant Rose of the garden of heavenly delights: O you, by whom God wanted to be born and by whose milk the King of Heaven wanted to be nourished! Nourish our souls with effusions of divine grace. Amen.

Poor Boxes

Don't forget you can help our local St Vincent de Paul ministry by making a donation to the Poor Boxes in the Church. All donations will be used to assist the poor in our community.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Page 827
- * Preface II of Easter, Page 36
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)