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SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

The Gospel today relates to an appearance of the risen Jesus to seven of his apostles on the shore of the lake of Gennesareth. The incident is built around Peter.

A constant feature of the resurrection stories is that Jesus is not recognised at once; it takes some word or familiar gesture for him to be known. This is an effective way of making the point that the resurrection is not a return to earthly-life; Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. He is the same Jesus, yet transformed. He is not *as he was*, but he is still *who he was*.

The miraculous catch of fish symbolises the mission of the apostles to be 'fishers of men'. The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus' help.

John mentions a precise number of fish (153). The number was probably significant, though what that significance was is no longer possible to say. It has been suggested that it represented the total number of species of fish then known, and that the catch symbolised the universal mission of the Church. The meal symbolises the Eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them.

Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord's flock. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness.

There are similarities between this and the incident related in Luke 5:1-11. In both there is a miraculous catch of fish and in both Peter is the one named apostle. This suggests that they may be variants accounts of the same event.



Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Youth Club: Will start again tonight, Sunday 5th and will meet on the four Sundays of May with the last Sunday being a BBQ. Numbers have recently dwindled. Let's make a big effort to come along and finish the year with a bang!

Exam Time: We wish our young people who are sitting exams at this time *'all the best'*.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course will be on Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm in St Peter's. To register, please contact the parish office.

Mass in Craigengar: Fr Kenneth will celebrate Mass in Craigengar at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8 May. Everyone is welcome.

CIC: The last class will be on Saturday 11 May.

Presentation of the Our Father: Children who are being prepared for First Holy Communion will receive a copy of the Our Father at Mass next weekend.

St Margaret Pilgrimage: The annual pilgrimage to Dunfermline in honour of St Margaret of Scotland takes place on Sunday 2 June. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. More information is available from the poster on the noticeboards or visit www.stmargaretdunfermline.co.uk.

Save the date: Please keep Sunday 9 June free for a Pentecost Sunday celebration for all four parishes - 'Songs of Praise' in St Margaret's Academy at 3.00pm.

Next Sunday's Readings (12.05.19): Acts 13:14. 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17; John 10:27-30.

Recently Deceased: Mark Boyle, Mary Terry, Pam Clark **Anniversaries (May):** Tom Flanagan, Robert Wallace, Ian Munro, Frank McQuade, Betty McGuire, Edward Egan

ST PETER'S ...

Knit & Natter Group: Will meet again on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

200 Club Winners: April - 1st Anne Bradbury, 2nd Francis Ryce; May - 1st John Struth, 2nd Isobel Easdale

Last Sunday's Collection: £800.47; **Church Stall:** £63.50

ST ANDREW'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall next weekend, 11th & 12th.

Flower Arranging: If anyone is interested in joining the rota for arranging flowers in the church, please contact the parish office.

Last Sunday's Collection: TBC; **Building Fund:** TBC; **200 Club:** No 14 & No 139 (28.04) & No 23 & No 170 (05.05); **£200 200 Club Winner:** No 55; **Sanctuary Candle:** Daniel M Farrel (Birthday Anniversary)



ST THERESA'S...

Last Sunday's Collection:

£439.02; **Bonus Ball**

Winner: Theresa Cavanah

ST PHILIP'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall today,
Sunday 5th.

Holy Family Lay Associates:

Will meet on Monday 13
May at 2.00pm as the
Lanthorn is closed on
Monday 6th.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: If you've
not already done so, can
everyone please return
their boxes. Tax payers
should fill in their details on
the box so gift aid can be
claimed.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£521.38; **200 Club:** TBC;

Sanctuary Candle: Louise
Curran (God's Healing)



Coming Soon!

In just a few weeks many of our children will begin to share with us more deeply in the Eucharist as they start to receive Holy Communion. Once they have done this we would love for them to join our groups of Altar Servers in any of our parishes. Altar Serving is a great way for the children to be engaged in the life of a parish, to make new friends and to grow in confidence. And for increasingly ageing priests like Fr Simon – well, he needs all the help he can get!

For some weeks now you may have noticed in our Newsletter a reference to a celebration we've been planning for the 50th Day of Easter (Pentecost). Fr Kenneth and myself would very much like to gather everyone together to celebrate faith and parish life; we felt that Pentecost would be a good moment for this as this was the day when – as we read in the Book of Acts – all the believers were gathered together in Jerusalem for one of the three obligatory Festivals of the Jewish faith – Shavuot (in English the Feast of Weeks and from the Greek PENTECOST). The event will be at St Margaret's Academy on Sunday 9th June at 3.00pm and will include a time of worship (singing!) and a chance to meet others from our 4 parishes. There will be a Guest Speaker – Canon Malcom Round of the Scottish Episcopalian Church. We've invited him as Malcolm pastors the St Mungo's Church community that meets at the Academy on a Sunday morning. He's a very lively communicator! We do hope many of you will come along – and the children - to celebrate the last day of Easter 2019 together.

In August a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group will be formed. This is specifically for adults interested in the Catholic Faith and those wondering about joining the Church. However, for people who have also recently returned to Faith and parish life it can be a really helpful experience too. Fr Simon will be one of the Facilitators for this next group which will meet on an evening - still to be decided - at St Peter's. Why not speak with friends and family members and invite them to 'sign up'? Sometimes people are simply waiting to be invited. The Great Commission of Jesus to 'go into all the world and proclaim the Good News' is for ALL of us to share in! Names of anyone interested may be given to the clergy or to Karen in the Parish Office.

Meanwhile – on this 21st Day of Easter - Happy Easter everyone!

Christ is Risen ...

... the First Fruits of all who have fallen asleep!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, weźmy sobie do serca to, co ówczesnym władcom odpowiedział Piotr i Apostołowie: *Trzeba bardziej słuchać Boga niż ludzi*. Za psalmistą powtarzaliśmy: *Sławię Cię, Panie, bo mnie wybawiłeś*. Z Apokalipsy św. Jana zapamiętajmy tę modlitwę uwielbienia: *Zmartwychwstałemu Barankowi błogosławieństwo i cześć, i chwala, i moc na wieki wieków, Amen - bo Zmartwychwstał Chrystus, który wszystko stworzył i zlitował się nad ludźmi*.

Jan Ewangelista opisuje trzykrotne pytanie Jezusa do Piotra: *Czy kochasz Mnie?* Przy trzecim objawieniu się po zmartwychwstaniu, Jezus pyta lidera apostołów, który 3 razy się go zaparł i uciekł spod krzyża, a ten rozumie i pokornie odpowiada: *Panie, Ty wszystko wiesz, Ty wiesz, że Cię Kocham*. Po tym wyznaniu rzekł do niego Jezus: *Pójdź za Mną* – powołując go do przewodzenia Kościołem i do męczeńskiej śmierci. Także mnie i Ciebie Jezus pyta w ten czas wielkanocnej radości i majowej wiosny – czy mnie miłujesz? Odpowiedzmy kochając Boga w naszych bliskich, w zaangażowaniu na rzecz wspólnoty, w szacunku dla ludzi i dla natury. **Podziękujmy w tych dniach za nasze białoczerwone barwy flagi i za Królową Polski, którą wspominamy szczególnie w dniu 3 maja. Vivat Polonia! Vivat Maria!** Ks. Piotr

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DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 5 May	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>June Chatterston</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Betty McGuire</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Luis A Chirinos</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C
Mon 6 May	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	Monday 3rd week of Eastertide
Tue 7 May	No Service	6.00pm Mass SH <i>Peggy McCluskey</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Betty McGuire</i>	No Service	Tuesday 3rd week of Eastertide
Wed 8 May	9.30am Mass KO <i>Haas & Kathleen Morrison</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Pamela Clark RIP</i>	No Service	No Service	Wednesday 3rd week of Eastertide
Thu 9 May	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Johnny Byrne</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>Kath Utton RIP</i>	No Service	Thursday 3rd week of Eastertide
Fri 10 May	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Margaret McCluskey RIP</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Friday 3rd week of Eastertide
Sat 11 May	5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Patsy Paterson</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Jeanette & Bert Fox</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Saturday 3rd week of Eastertide
Sun 12 May	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Benjie Alterado RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Pam Clark</i> 5.30pm Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Kathleen King RIP</i>	4th Sunday of Easter - Year C