



1st Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The Apostles perform many signs.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4, 22-24, 25-27a (R.1)

*Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
God's love is everlasting.*

2nd Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

*Son of Man appears to John,
instructing him to write his visions.*

Gospel Acclamation Verse

See John 20:29

*Aleluia, Alleluia! You believed in
me, Thomas, because you have
seen me; happy those who have
not seen me, but still believe!*

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm

Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm

Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

Filipino Mass, 1st Sun, 3.30pm

Monday and Wednesday

Mass, 7am

*(except on Public Holidays which
changes to 9.05am)*

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mass, 9.05am

Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm)

1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

3rd Fri, Divine Mercy & Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament

Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am

2nd & 4th Sun of the month
(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
by appointment

When Jesus shows his disciples his hands and side, we are all given an important insight: The Risen Christ still carries the wounds of a broken world. In the glorified Christ we find all those who suffer, all those who are estranged and even all those who are unrepentant sinners. In this wounded Christ we find ourselves with all our own hurts and failings. What Jesus does after he presents himself to his followers is even more significant.

After he shows his disciples his wounds, Jesus breathes the Spirit into them. He sends them out as he was sent, to offer healing, forgiveness and, above all, love. This is our mission, too.

We are asked to love the beggar and the sinner as much as we love the self-reliant and the saint. The key is to remember that love is not just a feeling of attraction. It is a sense of attachment and acceptance. Love is a bond. It is

realizing in heart and head that we are all one (sinners and saints) in the Risen Christ.

We can't help the way we feel, but we are certainly responsible for the way we act. We have to teach our children, through word and action, not to judge others so harshly that they fail to love them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Are you able to forgive easily? What keeps you from letting go of old hurts or wounds? Write a short prayer asking God to help you let go of your anger and disappointment.

✍ Judith Dunlap.

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*The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People,
the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God.
We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.*



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"Mercy is the true power that can save humanity and the world from sin and evil."

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office or complete the Pastoral Care for the Homebound form available in the foyer.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Ian Stuart, Jeanette Furness, John Grompton, Danny Lee, Sharyn Byers, Viraphan Rajasombat, Virasak Rajasombat, John Bridges, Seraphina Lee, Marie Gonsalvez, Jen Baird, Elizabeth Harris, Andrew Boulos

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Those who died from the Sri Lanka bombings and earthquake in the Philippines, Virginia Nastor, Warwick Jones, Rita Gatt, Azon Denuovo, Sarto Coutinho, Vinny Doogue, Doris Magro, Noel Nettel, Ricardo Herft

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Celine Van Den Bosch, Ben Songco, Mariano Supan, Remedios Abacan, Theda Lau, Rebecca Lim, Dorothy Mercieca, Alden Gajo, Francisco Cabiles, Severina Pascual, Evalyn Asoy Collins, Frank Dubier, Georgina Briffa, Cesar Damole Sr, Benjamin and Caroline Gonsalves, Reno Attard, Bienvenido Columna, Lesline Aratoon, Tony Kuljanic, Therese Cotte, Lila Matilda Joseph, Peggy Sinclair

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1ST COLLECTION	<i>For the care of our Augustinian clergy</i>	\$ 2,133.45
2ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 1,520.80
<i>For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,108.85
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 890.88
	Planned Giving Program Weekly Target	\$ 1,220.88
SPECIAL COLLECTION	Good Friday Appeal	\$ 2,371.75

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

- Sun 28 Apr:** World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- Mon 29 Apr:** Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
- Wed 1 May:** Int'l Workers Day
- Thu 2 May:** Holocaust Memorial Day
- Fri 3 May:** World Press Freedom Day
- Sun 5 May:** Beginning of Ramadan



REFLECTION

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'

Scriptural Context – Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Have you thought? – Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

Questions for Adults

Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why? What understandings of the Holy Spirit emerge for you from today's gospel and reflection? Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins? In what ways does Thomas personify elements of our own culture and society? When do you feel like Thomas?

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BAPTISMS

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Preparation Meeting

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation Evening is on Tue 14 May, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Seaview Kama.

We welcome into our faith community

NOEL MIKAELE WEBB-KAMA

(Son of James and Elizabeth)

MARCUS FREDERICK DOWSETT

(Son of Jamie and Bianca)

LUCAS ZEPHER D' COSTA

(Son of Craig and Anne-Marie)

MADIROS JASON TATIAN

(Son of Jason and Samantha)

DELINA MELISSA PERERA

(daughter of Jayasekarage & Marina)

JAZMIN COWIN & SEVY SWEETEN

(daughters of Jenny Cowin)

NICHOLAS ROBERT SEYMOUR

(son of Adam and Lexie)

who will be baptised this Sunday



PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 29 April

Tue 30 April

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

Wed 1 May

Men's Ministry, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 8pm

Thu 2 May

Sacraments Prep Team, Augustine Rm, 10am

Fri 3 May

Reconciliation and Anointing Mass, Church, 8am

Children's Choir practice, Church, 4.30pm
Taize, Church, 7.30pm

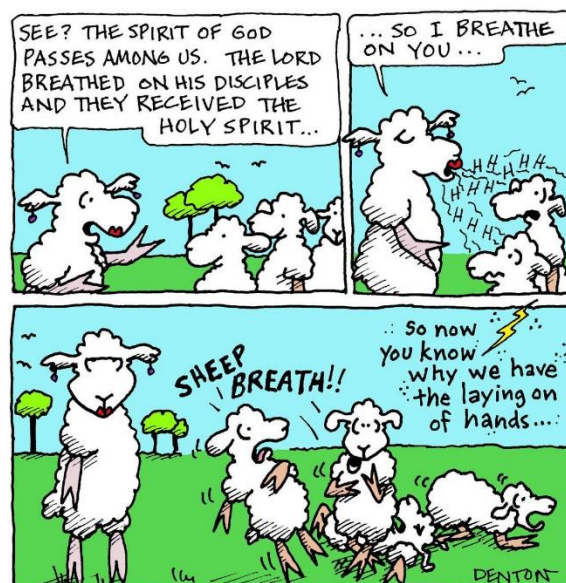
Sat 4 May

RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 5pm

Sun 5 May

Filipino Mass, Church, 3.30pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:

Through which senses have I experienced the Holy Spirit this week?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Voice From The Pews

Are you interested to share your faith experiences, God-moments or reflections that may help others to grow in their faith! Feeling inspired to inspire others then write your name down on the sign-on sheet in the foyer. The sharing can be in the form of an essay around 300 words, a prayer or a poem. Sign-up sheet available in the foyer.

SHARE THE WARMTH

NEW WARM GLOVES, SCARVES, BEANIES & SOCKS DRIVE

Stop by the Church to drop off your donations at our collection box. Box available 'til end of May 2019.



An initiative of the Social Justice Commission of the Parish

BRUCE DOWNES
THE CATHOLIC GUY
inspiring you to dream

PRESENTS
[IMPACT] LIVE

10th May 2019
8pm
Bryan Brown Theatre
80 Rickard Road,
Bankstown NSW 2200

To get your free tickets visit
TheCatholicGuy.com/ImpactLive
1300 734 880
Tickets are limited

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2019 Sacramental Preparation

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 6 May @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 8 May @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of May (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 1-2, 15-16, 22-23 June 2019

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 29 July @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 31 July @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of August (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: late August 2019
- Thanksgiving Mass: 15 September 2019

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au
P: 02 9670 8222 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair

A Rose for Mum

ON MOTHER'S DAY

\$5 for a single rose

\$40 for a flower arrangement

Roses will be offered to the altar at the 9:30am mass on Mother's Day, Sunday 12 May 2018. The Flower Ministry will accept donations and orders after each weekend mass from 7-28 April 2019.

For enquiries please contact Espy Sarno on 9834 4377 or 0410 541 537.

Proceeds of this fundraising activity is to provide fresh flowers at the sanctuary every weekend. Please support this great initiative.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)
and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall
Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)
Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.

PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office
Parramatta

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Contact Rita
Solo Parent Services
Ph. 8843 2575
or
soloparentservices@ccss.
org.au

No charge for Seminar.
Donations welcome



**Sat 11 May 2019, 7.30PM
at Holy Spirit School Hall**

COME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS
10 ROUNDS + 1 BUMPER ROUND

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale
Free tea, coffee & biscuits

Donations welcome

Organised by the Community and Cultural Commission



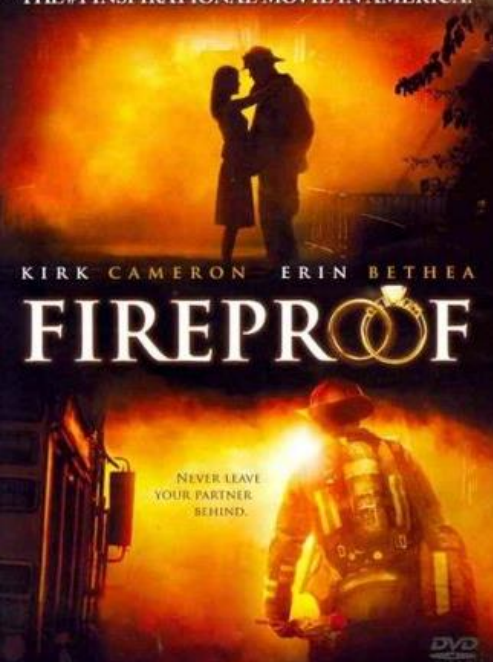
**Anointing Mass on Fri 3 May,
9.05am**

Reconciliation available before Mass
from 8.30-9am

Join us for Morning Tea after Mass at
the Pioneers Rm

Please bring a plate to share

"THE #1 INSPIRATIONAL MOVIE IN AMERICA!"



Spirituality Commission Annual
Movie Night

FIREPROOF

Sat 18 May

\$5 per adult, children under 12 free

7pm Sale of Sausage sizzle
\$2 sausage sandwich, \$1 drink

Start Time: 7:30 pm

*Please support us in our
endeavour to raise funds for our
yearly events ie. Wedding
Anniversary Cakes (monthly),
stipends for Lenten & Advent
Reflection day speakers, Bible
Study and Remembrance Mass
Resources, Taize candles etc.*

Candlelight TAIZE SERVICE



**FRI 3 MAY, 7.30PM
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

1 MILLION ROSARIES: 3-5 MAY

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to:
<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

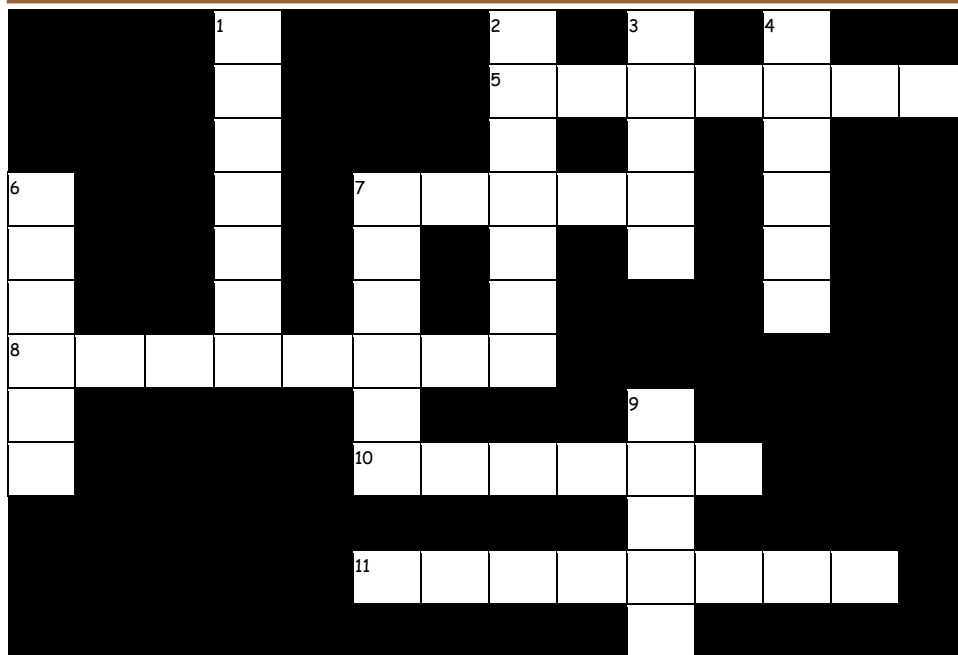


"In order to discover the character of people we have only to observe what they love."

St Augustine of Hippo
354-430 AD

CROSSWORD

Happy are those who have not seen me...



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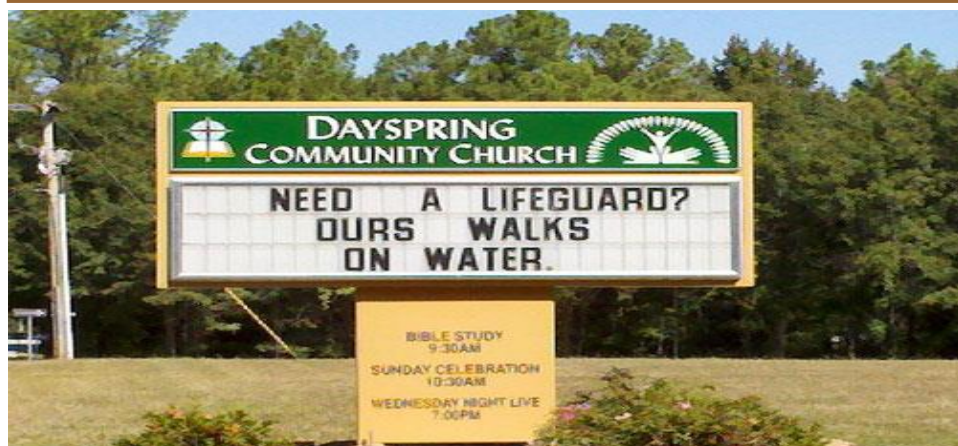
ACROSS:

- 5: to take into your possession
7: long, pointed weapon
8: to have come into sight
10: the apostle who doubted that Jesus had risen
11: not believing

DOWN:

- 1: to pardon an offence
2: welcomed
3: marks left by a healed wound
4: Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your ____ here and look at my hands!"
6: frightened or scared
7: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy ____".
9: belief

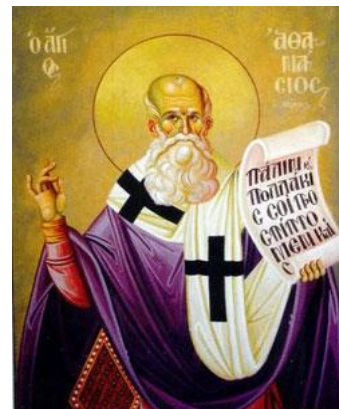
ON A LIGHTER NOTE



SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Patron Saint of Theologians
Feast Day : 2nd May



St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, and a great champion of the Faith, was born of Christian parents at Alexandria, Egypt, about the year 296 AD.

Educated under the eye of Alexander, later Bishop of his native city, he made great progress in learning and virtue.

In 313 AD, Alexander succeeded Achillas in the Patriarchal See, and two years later St. Athanasius went to the desert to spend some time in retreat with St. Anthony.

In 319 AD, he became a deacon, and even in this capacity he was called upon to take an active part against the rising heresy of Arius, an ambitious priest of the Alexandrian Church who denied the Divinity of Christ. This was to be the life struggle of St. Athanasius.

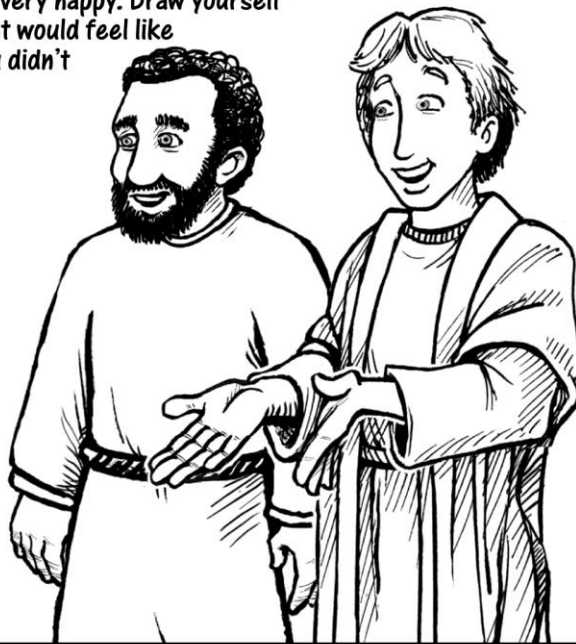
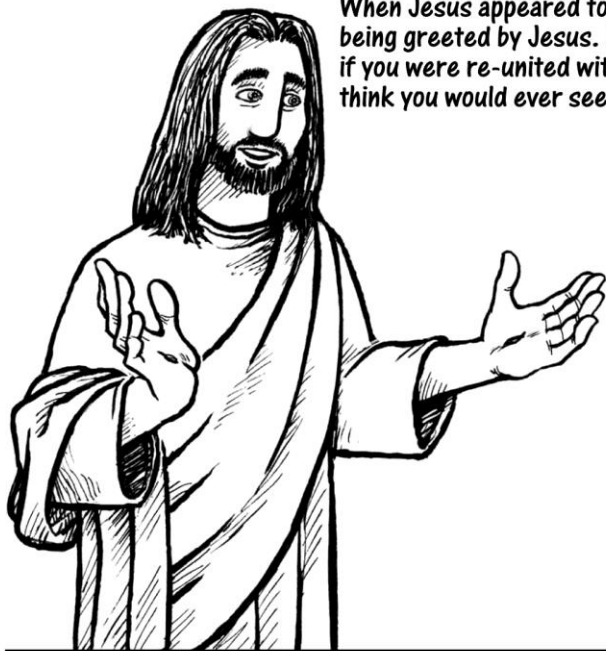
In 325 AD, he assisted his Bishop at the Council of Nicaea, where his influence began to be felt. Five months later Alexander died. On his death bed he recommended St. Athanasius as his successor. In consequence of this, Athanasius was unanimously elected Patriarch in 326 AD.

His refusal to tolerate the Arian heresy was the cause of many trials and persecutions for St. Athanasius. He spent 17 of the 46 years of his episcopate in exile. After a life of virtue and suffering, this intrepid champion of the Catholic Faith, the greatest man of his time, died in peace on 2 May, 373 AD, in Egypt.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When Jesus appeared to his disciples they were very happy. Draw yourself being greeted by Jesus. Write down what it might feel like if you were re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again.



There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE
LOVE
JOY
ALTAR
BREATH
CHALICE
CRUCIFIX
FORGIVENESS
PEACE
FLOWERS
CANDLE
HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

START

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FINISH

NEXT WEEKEND (5 MAY): 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Yr C

	4 MAY, 6PM	5 MAY, 8AM	5 MAY, 9.30AM	5 MAY, 6PM
1st Reading Acts 5:27-32. 40-41 <i>The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.</i>	Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade	Acolyte/Senior Server John Shelley	Acolyte/Senior Server Tony Cleary	Acolyte/Senior Server Phillip Roffey
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b (R.1a) <i>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>	Eucharistic Ministers Hazel Littlewood Pat Dowd Jacob Fonseca Bernadette Stevens Josephine Schembri Lois Schleifer Moiria Rebello Mary Fonseca	Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Gloria Slade Faye Aboghazaleh Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett Frances Flood Christine Younes	Eucharistic Ministers Chloe Daley Sue Oram Seaview Kama Tina Fernandes Michael Paulo Jenny Kyd Aruna Heslop Unise Blake	Eucharistic Ministers James Wren James Pirotta Pearl Joson Lena Maclean Lumen Decena Esther Rose Jan Manzanares Anabel Jader
2nd Reading Revelation 5:11-14 <i>John hears the voices of angels.</i>	Reader 1 Michael Farrugia	Reader 1 Micheal Hay	Reader 1 Ken allen	Reader 1 Jodie Donlan
Gospel Acclamation Verse <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!</i>	Reader 2 Sheila Francis	Reader 2 Dawn Timmins	Reader 2 Cathy Allen	Reader 2 James Pirotta
Gospel John 21:1-19 <i>Jesus questions Peter.</i>	Commentator Marion Durbin	Commentator Christine Younes	Commentator Tess Barnes	Commentator Karina Micallef
	Music AMEN Choir	Music Luchie Gacis	Music Luchie's Choir	Music El Shaddai Syd Gospel
	Powerpoint Sherise Oliveira	Powerpoint Carol Vella	Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed
	Junior Servers Myles Morgan Adrian Tauro	Junior Servers Michael Iotua Angelina Dicenso	Junior Servers Joseph Westerlund Paul Pavlovic Gabriel Gil	Junior Servers Maya Barros Aleks Worobiej
	Devotional Stall Fiona Ferreira	Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz	Devotional Stall Margaret Portelli	Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed
	Welcomers Margaret Herbert Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira	Welcomers Frances Flood Dorotea Seed Yvette Pinto	Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Joe Duval	Welcomers Kriz Florido Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

FLOWERS: Group 5 (White)
CLEANERS: Group 3
BANNERS: White

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