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## CATHOLIC PARISHES

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Psalter Week: 2 Weekday Cycle: Year 1 Sunday Year: C

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TUTOO	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
	THIRD	5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Joseph and Margaret Hussey (Anniv)	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am	STM	Mass	Nigel Rowley (1st Anniv)	
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Tommy Dunne (Anniv)	
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass	Alba and Heitor Coelhode Freitas (Anniv)	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria			No Mass		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Mary Meehan (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Mollie Barnacle (Anniv)	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass (School)	Clare Cunningham (Ints)	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Madge Ward (Ints)	
				followed by <b>Expo</b> s	sition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Richard Healey (RIP)	
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Breeda Higgins/Dec'd Higgins, McGuire families	
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Sean Donnelly (RIP)	
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Sean Furey and family (Ints)	
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo	

## Welcome to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time. Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.

Our readings at Mass call us to obey God, worship Jesus, and show our love through action. They remind us of the joy and responsibility of following Jesus. By reflecting on these lessons, we can grow stronger in our faith and closer to God.

The apostles stood firm in their faith when questioned by the high priest. They insisted on obeying God rather than men. This teaches us the importance of staying true to God's commands, even when it is difficult.

Obedience to God requires courage and trust. The apostles knew that following God might bring them suffering, but they chose to obey Him anyway. This kind of faith inspires us to make similar choices in our own lives. We face many situations where we must choose between obeying God or following the world. The apostles' example encourages us to stand firm in our faith. By putting God first, we show our commitment to His will.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Each time, Peter affirms his love, and Jesus tells him to care for His followers. This conversation highlights the importance of love and responsibility in our faith. Loving Jesus means more than words. It means taking action. Jesus asked Peter to show his love by caring for others. This teaches us that true love for Jesus is shown in how we treat those around us. Our actions reflect our love for Jesus. When we help and support others, we are living out His command to love.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, help us to obey You always, to worship You with all our hearts, and to show our love through caring for others. Strengthen our faith and guide us in Your ways. Amen.

STM and SJW Website: stmcov.org/wp/

Facebook: Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker **Livestream webcam:** https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsitw-cov

Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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STM: 13/4 £907.10 27/4 £784.40

Holy Places: £685.70

Missionaries of St Paul: STM: £659.00 SJW: £339.50

**SJW: 13/4** £275.50 **27/4** £329.50

Standing Orders: April: STM: £1770 SJW: £1200 Thank you for your continued generosity **IF YOU ARE A VISITOR** to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF His Holiness Pope Francis, Veronica Hammond (Requiem Mass in STM on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am), Elizabeth Banks, Fr Ron Cosslett, Mercy D'Souza, James McEwan, and Adela Carter together with all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Angie Browne, Judith Cuningham, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Margaret Eason, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Josie McElroy, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, Keelin Treharne, David O'Grady, Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone, Clare Oliver, Romina Mendieta, Jennifer Bell, Tony Smith and Donal Heffernan.

**MUCH IN THE CHURCH** has changed over the last few weeks, as all of you will be well aware. Not many would have imagined, as we celebrated the Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday, that by the Octave Day of Easter, the Pope would have died and been buried in the Easter hope of the resurrection.

Our first task, as Catholics, is to pray for the happy repose of the Pope's soul. The mercy of God was a recurrent theme in the preaching of the Holy Father, and so we pray that he may meet the merciful face of the Lord. All who are entrusted and privileged with the gift and exercise of the apostolic ministry - whether in the priesthood or its fullness in the episcopate - some words of Jesus are always poignant and challenging: From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded (Luke 12:48).

Let us pray for the Pope as he gives an account to the Lord of the ministry he has been entrusted with. The following prayer from the Missal might be a prayer you would like to use: O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Following the Papal Funeral, the attention unavoidably turns towards the future. In the Canon of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer, the absence of the Pope's name is a reminder of the important place that the successor of St Peter has at the heart of the Church.

This week, the Cardinals, whose task it will be to choose a successor, will be summoned to gather in the Sistine chapel, and so discern who among them will be best equipped to take on the enormous responsibility of being the Chief Shepherd of Christ's flock on earth. This is the most important task that they fulfil, and they will doubtless be aware of the crucial importance of this moment in the life of the Church. The Cardinals come from all corners of the world, bringing their own insights and ideas of what the Church requires of a new Supreme Pontiff. We remember the four English Cardinals who will be present: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, Cardinal Arthur Roche and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Our task is to support them through our prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their deliberations and debates, to enable them to choose wisely and well.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. O Lord, guard your people, Who rely on the patronage of your apostles Peter and Paul, and keep them under your continual protection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEXT WEEKEND: SECOND COLLECTION:** Clergy Training Fund

**ORDER OF MASS CARDS:** If you require a card with the Order of Mass text, please ask one of the welcomers for a copy. The readings for Sunday Mass can be found on the back of this newsletter. Please do take them home with you for private prayer and reflection.

**PRAYER AT THE EASTER GARDEN:** Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may I meet you today and every day: speak to me as you spoke to her in the living word of your Gospel; reveal yourself as the living Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar; renew my hope and kindle my joy, and send me to share the good news of the Gospel with others. Amen.

THE MONTH OF MAY is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary dates back to the 13th century. But it might come as a surprise to know that it wasn't until the 18th century when this practice became popular. The practice became common among the members of the Jesuit Order in Rome. Because of the far reach of the order's schools, the devotion took hold, and by the 1700's it began to spread worldwide. It's a Catholic tradition to honour Mary during the month of May by crowning her statue with flowers. The reason why we crown Mary is best summed up by Pope Paul VI who wrote in 1965 that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven." The crown symbol is attributed to Mary because she is the Mother of the Son of God, who is our Heavenly King.

**'THE HAPPY BIRDS TE DEUM SING':** In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year since the start of May was considered the start of new growth. With Our Lady is the dawn of our salvation through the child she bore, and so as the hymn proclaims, 'the happy birds Te Deum sing, 'tis Mary's month of May; her smile turns winter into spring, and darkness into day.'

**SJW FEAST DAY** was last Thursday and as one of the patron saints in the parish, it calls for a time of celebration! After the 11.00am Mass today, there will be a bring and share lunch.

**TODAY** we say a farewell to Deacon David and June, and we thank them for all they have done over the last five years both within the parish but also at Warwick University. Deacon David and June have suggested that in lieu of a leaving collection for them from the parish, if anyone wishes to donate to a charity, this would be most welcome.

**SJW EASTER RAFFLE:** The draw will take place after the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

**TAIZE PRAYER** on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm in Coventry Central Hall. All welcome.

**CRAFT 'N' CHAT** will meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in the MRR. If you sew, knit, paint or have another craft hobby, you are more than welcome to come. The idea of the group is for people to be able to come together for a chat, whilst spending an hour or so on their particular craft. Please bring everything you need with you.

**OUR THANKS** to everyone who has helped in so many ways to make this year's Triduum and Easter liturgies such prayerful and uplifting times. To all those who have been busy – whether before, during or after, seen or unseen – a huge thank you to you all! A particular word of thanks from Fr Simon for your many cards, gifts and the very generous Easter Offering.

**KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** There will not be a meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday), instead we will meet on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. We are pleased to welcome Br Calmiamo who will be our guest speaker for the evening. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Our usual Monday prayer group will resume again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome to come along.

**STM SPRING FAYRE** will be held on Friday  $20^{th}$  June and we will be trying out a different time of  $3.30 \, \text{pm} - 5.30 \, \text{pm}$ . Of course, these fundraising events don't just happen, so help will be needed. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday  $15^{th}$  May at  $6.30 \, \text{pm}$  in the MRR. More details next week. Please make a note of the date in your diary

**NEXT SATURDAY** we look forward to welcoming the members of the CathSoc University Choir who will be singing at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass.

**EASTER DUTIES:** Many will know that it is an obligation on all Catholics to fulfil what is known as their 'Easter duties'. This is to receive Holy Communion at Easter time, or thereabouts, and it's often coupled, with the desire or the need to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This requirement is meant to serve as a bare minimum for Catholics, as we are encouraged to frequent both the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation throughout the year. However, many people are embarrassed or afraid to go to confession and they avoid it as long as possible, making excuses for not going. If that's you, here are three reasons you should go to confession as soon as possible.

Firstly, it's a new beginning: no matter what you've done, you can find mercy and healing in the sacrament of penance. When you walk out of the confessional, you are as sin free as you will ever be. Secondly, there is concrete forgiveness: Our Lord does not keep us guessing about whether we are forgiven. When the priest utters the words of absolution, our soul is instantly and completely healed. Sacramentally, Jesus is present in the confessional in the person of the priest. If he were here on earth, wouldn't you ask him for forgiveness? If you want to experience the Divine Mercy in a real way, confession is the way to do it. Thirdly, you receive graces: there is a mistaken notion that confession is just getting rid of our sins. But that's not true. We not only have our sins taken away, but we also receive graces from Christ that we desperately need to live a holy life. The more you go to confession, the more graces you receive.

If you haven't been to confession for a while, the Easter Season is the time to go. While you may not always feel like it, this sacrament is a great gift. Don't let fear, guilt, or embarrassment dissuade you. Jesus is waiting in the confessional for you, and his heart longs to grant you his mercy in abundance. What are you waiting for? Go to confession!

**CONFESSION** is available at STM on Saturday evenings from 4.15pm - 4.45pm; and at SJW on Saturday morning from 10.30am - 11.00am. Alternatively at other times with prior arrangement with Fr Simon.

**PETITIONS TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES:** If you have any petitions that you would like taking and placing at the Grotto, they can be left in the boxes at both STM and SJW by Friday 23rd. Please do not place money in the envelopes.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:** You are warmly invited to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. Jacquie Stacey will share her wealth of knowledge of Carlo's story. There will be a time of Adoration and the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will become the first millennial saint. The relic, a section of his hair, offers the faithful a unique opportunity to venerate this inspiring young figure who has been hailed as a patron saint for the digital age. If you would like to attend the event, please sign the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**WE DARE TO HOPE** is a five-week course for use during the Year of Jubilee which we are hoping to use in the parish. The course consists of a time of reflection combining meditation, scripture, prayers and questions. In the course the relationship between the virtue of hope, our lives and the source of all hope, Jesus, is explored. We have decided to postpone this course until June.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT** at STM will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 12noon until 2.00pm/2.30pm. This will include an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter craft activities for the children. All our younger families are encouraged to come along to this event. There is a sign up at the back of STM to sign up for this event. Please sign up by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May so that the Easter bunny knows how many eggs to purchase and hide!

**LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH:** Live sustainably with creation by walking, cycling or sharing a ride to church, if you can.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** will meet on Tuesday 20th May at 7.15pm in the MRR at STM.

**ARYPT MASS ON THE MALVERNS** An exciting opportunity to support the trust with a fantastic day out! You can walk as a family, individual or get a group together from your parish. Follow the link to register: https://www.tfaforms.com/5172259 Or feel free to get in touch with any questions: arypt2022@gmail.com.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** for the Parish and School children will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May during the 9.00am. We pray for all the children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

**LGBTQ WELCOME MASS:** The Coventry Deanery LGBTQ+ group and Fr George have arranged a Sunday Vigil Welcome Mass for everyone at 5.00pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at St Patrick's, Deedmore Road. All welcome especially the LGBTQ+ community and their families and friends. Followed by tea, coffee and cake. For details, please contact Deacon Leo 07984 071124.

**COVENTRY NEWMAN CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the MRR for a talk on 'G K Chesterton' by Canon John Udris.

**SJW FOOD BANK:** There is now a box at the back of SJW if anyone would like to give donations of tin goods towards the local foodbank.

**CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB:** It is now possible to support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations. It allows for more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. The required information is Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSES** are held on the first Saturday of every month in the MRR. For more information and to book a place, families are asked to contact Deacon Leo by emailing dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

**SEVEN DAY CANDLES:** To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. The Mass will then be offered, and you'll see the details on the front page of this sheet. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your required date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

**REGINA COELI:** One of the most joyous anthems of the Church is the Regina Coeli, the Easter hymn to Our Lady. In a fearful pestilence our Lady's portrait reputedly painted by St. Luke was being carried in a procession which included Pope St. Gregory the Great. As they approached St. Peter's Basilica, the air became pure and free of pestilence. At the bridge which joins Rome to the Vatican, angels were heard singing the first three verses from the Regina Coeli and St Gregory was inspired to add the fourth line 'pray for to us to God, alleluia.' This prayer reminds us, of how much we have to be thankful for, even in the midst of our daily trials. When our Lord conquered death in His resurrection, he opened the gates of Heaven for us to be able to share Eternal Life with Him.

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL** If you or a relative are going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

4 <sup>th</sup> May	SJW Feast Day Shared Meal and Raffle
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Craft and Chat at STM
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Blessed Carlo Acutis Event
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
18 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Mass
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Newman Circle Talk
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING MAY

11 <sup>th</sup> May	Clergy Training Fund
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Development Fund

READERS FOR MAY	<b>STM</b> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm 9.00am 5.00pm 9.00am 5.00pm 9.00am 5.00pm 9.00am 5.00pm 9.00am	Mandy Crilly Catherine Smith Monika Rozanski Rohini Rasquinha Ashford Menezes Clare Staines Mary Wilson Debbie Middleton Janet Ward Maureen Porter
	<b>SJW</b> June	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Lorraine Maria John Dinumol Eugenie

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Florence O'Grady, Paula Tew, Rina McGeachan, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Catherine Meacham, Mary Fury, Margaret Kane, Carl Smith, Nigel Rowley, Gregory Deeley, James McGinty, Suzanne Hammond, Thomas Hope, Mollie Barnacle, Matthew Reilly, Gladys Donaldson, Rosemary Dodd, Patricia Dunne, John Anderson, George Dutton, Wilfred Day, Sarah Morton, Mollie O'Connor, Stephen Foster, Edwin Chandley, Margaret Pyle, Rose Harvey, Eugene O'Malley, Sheila Kelly, Michael Rock, Charles Edwards, Sarah Maxwell, Bill Thompson, Angela Carter, Ann Marie Rock, Martin Ward, Breeda Higgins, James Fawcett, Anthony McGuire, Hazel James, Jack Paisley, Zoe Kenny, Luke Jackson, Michael Morley, Mary Bowen, May Lamb, John Chambers, Christina Hannon, Paul Carr, Mary Neal, James Phee, Ann Lovelock, Patricia Anderson, Maureen McCormack, Michael Kitson, Mary Harris, Clifford Jones, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan, Ian Rogers, Thomas Bailey, Luke Robinson, Mary Swales, Patrick McElvenney, Miriam McGuinness, Mary Maguire, Daisy Lycett, Lesley Phillips, Nellie Finnan, Margaret Busby, Catherine Carolan, Gregory Freeman, Allen Cotta, Jane Kennedy, Patricia Sanders, Theresa McFadden, Theresa Beresford, Molly Hand, Thomas Price, Gladys Long, Edna Bevins, Josephine Hopkins, Lilley O'Neill.

#### **READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.' Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a,13b. R<sup>2</sup>2a R: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to

the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and

ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

down and worshipped.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

John 21: 1 - 19

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'



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