

Reflections on 3rd Sunday of Easter 25C.

Mass: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm: 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Peter and the inner core of the disciples returns home to resume his life it would seem. How they must have felt after all that these ordinary fishermen had experienced. The darkness and trauma so ably described in the night-time fishing and nakedness of Peter. So often in times of difficulty we go back in time. Perhaps in fishing Peter found some stability and peace, even in the darkness. Sometimes that means a letting go. Perhaps Peter was still in denial after he had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus comes to him as he had come those years before. Inviting him to cast his net and discover a vast reward. Now the meal, possibly eucharistic in its meaning, invites them to move forward. Jesus then both reminds Peter of his failures and invites him to a new future. This is what the Paschal Mystery is about, our discovering, that despite our failures, Jesus is there inviting us to a new adventure of faith. Many times we go backwards, tired or frightened, only to find Jesus inviting us to discover new ways of serving his kingdom.