



Together on the Road

Easter 2019

Third Sunday of Easter: Breakfast on the Shore



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.'

John 21:1-12

Pope Francis says in *The Joy of the Gospel*:

Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person above and beyond their faults and failings. [44]

Reflection

Jesus met these fishermen coming home from work and cooked their breakfast, and they recognised him — an ordinary everyday situation changed by an encounter with the Risen Lord. At the heart of our Synod is the truth that God speaks to us in the ordinary events and situations of our lives, if only we take the time to stop and listen. This first Synod question invites us to recognise God's presence in the day to day events of our lives.

Synod Question 1

Where in your everyday life do you experience love, truth, goodness, hope and joy?

Prayer

Light a candle and take a moment's silence before praying:

Risen Jesus,
just as you met the first disciples beside the Sea of Galilee,
meet us on the shore of our lives.

Help us to see you in the encounters we have each day
and enable us to draw strength from your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Synod 2020: Have your say

Please ensure that your voice is heard in response
to the Four Synod Questions.

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or

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