

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter – Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

RECENT DEATHS:

Judy Nugent

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael O'Connor, Barry Torney, Graeme Taylor,
Anthony Hare, Ian Stanley, Dr Cyril Checchi,
Nando Rosini, Maurice Mahony, Leon Martin,
Barb Grant-Wood, Norm Bain, Jenny Cuthbertson

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby,
Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy,
Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan
and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

22nd May: Jim Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

22nd May: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leader

22nd May: Anne Beer & Clarita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall

22nd May: Therese Jess

Music

Today: Clarita Clancy

22nd May: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

May 15th – May 22nd: Chandler Family

May 29th – June 5th: Briody Family

Church Grounds

May 15th – May 22nd: Chandler Family

May 29th – June 5th: Briody Family

Newsletter

May - Angela Gerrard 0439565468

MASS TIMES for Next Week

May 22nd: Mass: 8.30

Followed by Morning Tea

Mass Counts in May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start today and continue each weekend until the end of May

Farewell Anne

We will be having a Cuppa after 8:30am Mass next Sunday 21st May to say farewell to Anne.

Anne has been a very vital part of our faith community for many years and we would like to acknowledge and thank Anne for all her contributions.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advance Notice: Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm.

National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022

National Volunteers Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 16-22, NVW is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you, including people in our parishes and agencies.

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

Prayer for the Family

*Given by Pope Francis on the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth,
Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 29 December 2013*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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ENCOURAGED BY LOVE

It is the theme of encouragement offered and received which binds together the readings for today. As they make their way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas encourage the communities they have established among the Gentiles. On their return, they give an account to the community in Antioch of the fruitful ministry in which they have been engaged.

The reading from the Apocalypse is a vision that functions to encourage, comfort, and bring hope to a group of Christians who wondered whether God's plans for them and the world would ever reach fulfilment. Persecution had sapped their energies. Christians who had lost their initial fervour could not be blamed for wondering whether Jesus' death and resurrection had really changed the shape of the world. John's vision is a powerful answer to the questioning of Christians in every age.

One of the startling statements of Jesus in John's Gospel is that it is at the moment when he is betrayed, and seemingly powerless in the face of the forces of evil, that he is glorified. No one takes Jesus' life from him; it is freely offered out of love (John 10:18). It is precisely this love that serves as the foundation for the life of the Church, and as the means that leads to his glorification. It is our love of one another that gives us the encouragement we need and serves as the most powerful expression of our Easter faith for others.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God, / to make known to men your mighty deeds / and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud

