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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

The second chapter of our Mercy constitutions opens with the reminder that “the tender mercy of our God has given us one another”. The fifth chapter on “Our Way of Living” spells out the implications of this profoundly beautiful truth. It states simply: “In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ’s disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message.” Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is at the heart of religious life. This is not, however, the exclusive preserve of professed religious, but is rather the gospel commission to all Christians. It is the commission at the heart of today’s reading.

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of “joy”, the three-fold repetition of “friends” and the nine-fold repetition of “love”. We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to “commands” and “commandments”.

We tend not to associate commands with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as the Father, loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God’s love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God’s commandments. Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus’ whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends and the joy that they bring to our lives. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**6th Sunday of Easter Year B**

 **May 6th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th May   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Claire Cole  |  Trish Matthews  |
| Commentator |  Liz Boxall  |  Anne Huebner  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter  |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Bev Piper | -------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th May  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Trish Matthews |
| Reader |  Patricia Wilks |  Kirsty Beavan |
| Commentator |  Cathy Purcell |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay |
| Church Care | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee Mary, Colleen & Kath  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

 R O S T E R S

As long as the world shall last there will be wrongs, and if no man objected and no man rebelled, those wrongs would last forever ~Clarence Darrow~ **Collection amounts for April 2018**

**1st: $2617.60 2nd: $2069.05 D/D: $1560.00 Talbingo:$144.00 Easter Dues to date:$615.00 Project Compassion to date:$640.85**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**Reminder to parishioners the weekly bulletin is available on our Web page www.cg.org.au/tumut – please remember to log on for weekly roster reminders if in doubt. DEBUTANTE BALL** we congratulate and wish the debutantes, partners and families an enjoyable evening this Saturday. **A SINCERE THANK YOU**  to Maureen Norman for her dedication and faithfulness to the music ministry in our cathloic community. Over the years the music has enriched all our celebrations, Masses, weddings funerals and other special days. Maureen is not well at present and is in Wagga with her family, she plans to move into a retirement home in Wagga. Please keep Maureen in your prayers. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our communiity this weekend **Violet Eva Power** daughter of Robert and Hayley. We pray for all baptism families. **CATHOLIC VOICE** May issue will be available next week for your collection. **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** please return your box. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS** the centre is looking for new volunteers who can assist in the shop - if you are interested - please call in and speak to the Manager.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh,Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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