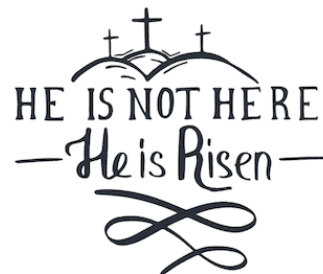




5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

15 May 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ.
May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the Gospel.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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 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.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'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.'



Reflection on the Gospel of John 13:31-35 - What's New? GPBS 10 May 2022

Everything is new in the Scriptures this week. Even the commandments! The big Ten are boiled down to one. A new law for a new and inclusive people: love.

For some folks, love is too small and vague and squishy to work as a commandment. How are we to keep law and order with mere sentimental feeling? This is a misunderstanding of the love command. It doesn't mean a return to bell-bottoms and peace signs. Love is a tall order, a mighty work that challenges the strong to be relentless, the brave to be even bolder. Love is not vague: It is precise to the last detail of our lives, eliciting very practical and direct responses to the corporal and spiritual needs of our community. And love is not squishy. It looks you right in the eye and dares you to claim an authority higher than its calling. The Ten Commandments are a walk in the park compared to the summons to love. It is always easier NOT to do something than to DO something.

How do you obey the command to love: in your relationships with others, in your stewardship of goods, in your fidelity to God?

Do ten things this week motivated by love and not by gain. If you love people who are REALLY hard to love, you only have to do five!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that they be vibrant centres of love, care and compassion. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the whole of creation, that the human family will be moved by the Spirit of God to make all things new. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of every war-torn, divided and afflicted nation, especially Ukraine, that their hopes for relief and peace will be soon fulfilled. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all candidates in the election campaign, that those who are elected will serve the nation with wisdom, integrity and determination. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all members of the Plenary Council, that they will prepare for the second and final session in a spirit of deep faith. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families of every kind, that the World Day of Families and National Family Week (15-21 May) will give them great encouragement and support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially especially Ian Vardanega, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers: that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased Barry Bevege, Elva McMillan, Val Laurie . . . for our own deceased relatives and friends and for Bob Jonas, whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be made their home in the new and heavenly Jerusalem. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

by our loving sharing let your saving love grow within us.

Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: suspended until Mick returns.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: 29 May 2022 at 11am.

Dear Parishioners,

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – There is still time to support this appeal. Collection for formation and education of our three seminarians studying for the priesthood. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. Let us invest in the future of our Church by financially supporting them.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:
By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep
By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Enrolments now open for 2023 at St Bede's Primary School. If you know of any parents who may be interested, please take a brochure from the back table, to give them.

Ecumenical celebration of Pentecost to be held in the National Theatre on Sunday 5 June, commencing at 10am. Please put this date in your diary. It was a huge success last year so we hope for bigger and better this time.

Parish Dinner to Mark Completion of Repairs to the Roof: on tomorrow night. Let us hope the rain has stopped for now, so we can all make it to Mass and the dinner.

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on 28 May. Please help our local Conference help our companions in need.

2023 Synod of Bishops Archdiocesan Synthesis Report - Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 1100 Sunday Mass at the Cathedral 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report has been emailed to those on our mailing list.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 14:21-27. 2nd: Rev. 21:1-5. Gospel: John 13:31-35.

Readings for next week: 1st: Acts 15:1-2,22-29. 2nd: Rev. 21:10-14,22-23. Gospel: John 14:23-29

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
14 May	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
21 May	Geoff	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
28 May	James	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
7 May	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H

Ministries of Service:	13 May	20 May	27 May
Altar Decorating:	Helen P	Margaret	Joy
Cleaners:		Helen P & Judith	

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other, Helen Hart

Father Mick with President elect Jose Ramos Horta of Timor Leste (left) and Jose da Costa, Mick's "in country officer." (see next page)



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.



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