

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another
Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by
my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

14 MAY 2023

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

One of the most touching phrases in John's Gospel is Jesus' promise before his death that he would not leave his disciples orphans. The quality of his presence among them would change after the resurrection. In the future the Spirit would be the one instructing, strengthening, and protecting disciples. Jesus promises that whoever receives his commandments will be loved by the Father. This promise is fulfilled when the Samaritans become believers through Philip's ministry of preaching and healing. Samaritans were considered heretical Jews, but their positive reception of the word prompted the Jerusalem community to think again and to send Peter and John to welcome them into the larger community. The gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands is the sign of God's blessing and of their full incorporation into the growing Christian family.

The first letter of Peter was written in a time of great trial and opposition. How were Christians going to respond to false charges against them? How were they able to give a credible account of their Christian faith? These early Christians were urged to remain steadfast and true to their values and belief. Like them, we are encouraged to find our source of strength in the example of Jesus who suffered and died for us even though he was innocent. It is not an easy path we are asked to tread but we are encouraged to see that our best defence is the quality of our lives and the depth of our hope.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

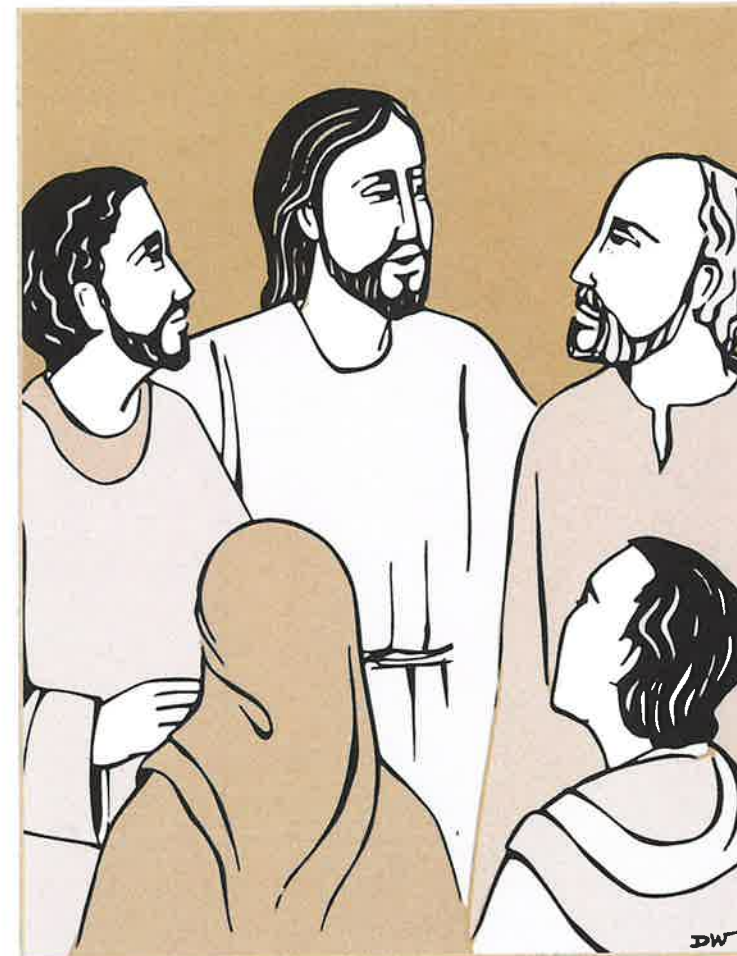
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, /
O sing to the glory of his name. / O render
him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How
tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall
sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and
see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds
among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they
passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our
joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his
might. **R.**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will
tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God
who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold
his love for me. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was
raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and
always have your answer ready for people who
ask you the reason for the hope that you all
have. But give it with courtesy and respect
and with a clear conscience, so that those who
slander you when you are living a good life in
Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations
that they bring. And if it is the will of God that
you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing
right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he
was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty,
to lead us to God. In the body he was put to
death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**ST PATRICK'S PARISH
FAMILY
THREE PARISHES TOGETHER**



Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2nd Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
Mass Sunday's at 10am
Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thu 1st June 4pm
St Patrick's Weekday Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month =
Nursing Home Mass
9.30am Yallambee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson
Adaminaby volunteer required-
Nimmitabel
Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*5pm Sat Vigil Mass
1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm
Numeralla
Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm
Berridale
Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday
Jindabyne
2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
1st & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

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Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death": family and friends;
David Palmer; Don Povey; Brian Kaufling; Arthur Johnson, Adella Mikulandra.

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Jill Rolfe, Mary Boller

Prayers for our Sick: "May they be comforted through the Spirit of healing.

Jara Gregor, Margaret Kellond

Changes to Mass **Berridale**

Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month = **Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm**

1st 3rd & 5th Sunday = Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday



Clergy Assembly May 2023

Fr Mark will be attending the Annual Clergy Assembly 15-18th May 2023

Mass 3rd Friday of month 19th May at Nursing Homes
9.30am Yallambee Lodge and 11am Sir William Hudson

Roster	14 th May	21 st May
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Carol Byrne	Kathleen Bashford
Reader/Commentator	Jo-Anne Brown Suja Tessy	Joan Simpson Susan Tighe
Altar Servers	Natalia & Amelia Zieja
Special Minister	Therese Dawson	Jan McLean
Children's Liturgy	Joan Simpson	Belinda Wilkins
Linen	Volunteer	Gaie Mooney
Church Care 13th May	20 th May : Carol Byrne, J Upton & P Stewart	Jo-Anne Brown Jan Kelly Gaie Mooney
Hospital	Leah Baker	Marg Quodling

FLOWERS:
Claire Neumeyer

Next weekend Readings

The Ascension of the Lord/A

1st Reading Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20



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MAY - MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - Collection for Formation of our Seminarians: Thank you for your support in raising \$510.00