

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 15 May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C
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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1
(R.) 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.
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.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.
(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading Rv 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 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.'
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Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34
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.
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.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
City Life for True Lovers
'Love one another as I have loved you.'
You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to. But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation. Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus

given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes. We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 18th - St John 1




Friday 20th - St Bernadine of Siena

Saturday 21st - St Christopher Magallanes

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Welcome

For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

Upcoming events

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 25th May @ 1pm
Meeting Room

Confirmation Commitment Mass
Saturday 21st 5pm

Craft Group - 10am Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News" Wednesdays after 9.00am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @ 4.30pm (Not 17th May)

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

NEW MASS TIMES

There will be a change to Mass Times beginning Monday 16th May - Sunday 22nd May

DUE TO CLERGY ASSEMBLY TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK, THERE ARE NO MASSES FOR: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

FRIDAY 20TH MAY - 9AM MASS

Liturgy of The Word and Holy Communion will be held on:

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 9AM

SATURDAY 21st - VIGIL 5PM

SUNDAY 22ND - 9AM MASS & 5 PM MASS

THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR THIS TUESDAY 17TH MAY

In AD 2009 archaeologists were excavating a buried first-century synagogue on the shores of Lake Galilee when they uncovered an intriguing block of stone. On it was carved an image of the candelabra, or menorah, that once stood before the sanctuary of the Temple. No one knows what happened to that menorah, which was said to be five foot high and made of solid gold. Its seven branches illumined the sanctuary by night. The middle candlestick burned all through the day as well. It represented God, eternally present.

In speaking of himself as the light that has come into the world, Jesus was identifying with that divine presence. His followers came to see that, in looking at Jesus, they were gazing upon God; in listening to the words of Jesus, it was God speaking to their hearts. The realization then dawned: if Jesus had come to bring life to the world and not set it ablaze in judgement, then God is merciful after all, and not vengeful as they once believed.

Light has become a Christian symbol of revelation, truth and hope. For whatever mistakes people might make in their lives; whatever questions remain unanswered; no matter what illness or sadness may plunge them into gloom, they can be assured that our God is a saving God. No one need be in the darkness of ignorance about that any longer, said Jesus, nor live in fear. To believe what Jesus tells us is to trust that we are loved.

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
MAY

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 17th: 9am Liturgy of the Word & HC

Wed 18th: 9am Liturgy of the Word & HC

Thurs 19th: 9am Liturgy of the Word & HC

Fri 20th: 9.00 am Mass

Sat 21st: 9.30 am Reconciliation, 5.00 pm Mass

Sun 22nd: 9:00am Mass
5:00pm Family & Youth Mass

**14/15 MAY
Cleaning**

16-20 May M
deSmet/J Maher
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: C Brownlie

Commentator
P O'Kelly
Reader M Weatherall
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00AM MASS
Welcomer Volunteer
Commentator B Basevi

Relader: A Brown
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens C Schor
Computer Screen
D May

5.00PM MASS:
Welcomer D Ebejer
Commentator
D Robinson

Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

MORNING TEA:
M & S Beashel

**21/22 MAY
Cleaning**

23-27 B Coffey/M
Paine

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer:

Commentator
D Robinson
Reader J Mackay
Eucharistic
Ministers

C Brownlie, Y Oerder
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer C Connell
Commentator .A
Jackson

Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor A Scicluna
Computer Screen
D May

5.00PM MASS:
Welcomer M de Smet
Commentator
S Ebejer

Reader: N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

MORNING TEA:
A Brown &
J McCarthy

**MINISTRY SUNDAY- JUNE 11TH &
12TH**

There is a need for more ministers to assist with the pastoral care of all our aged, sick and housebound parishioners. In the lead up to our recruitment weekend in June, please give some prayer and thought to pastoral ministry if you are not already involved. *Every little bit helps!!*

One Day Retreat

with Sr Catherine McCahill sgs at St Bernard's on Monday May 23rd, 9.15 am registration for 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Theme: "The Hospitality of Gratitude and Kindness" Cost=free

BYO Pot Lunch to share.

Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea supplied.

Funded by "Mary MacKillop Today" BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by Monday May 16th Phone Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057 or Carolyn Evenden on 0400 021 119

2023 Synod of Bishops

Archdiocesan Synthesis Report -

Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 11am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral on 15th 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 will be available to all from 16 May 2022

The ladies of the Craft Group would like to invite you to attend

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA to be held on Thursday 19th May @ 10 am in the Church Meeting Room.

GOLD COIN DONATION

Proceeds to our local
Can Assist.
All are welcome



**CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

Child Protection Code of Conduct forms are now due to be re-signed by all volunteers in the Parish. It is a requirement that all Parish volunteers have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement form. Copies can be found in the church foyer, together with the Child Protection Code of Conduct

which you will need to be familiar with. Please return your signed forms to the Parish office as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Death Anniversaries: Robert Pacion, Mila Bandur, Rowland Heycox, Mary Carter, Joseph Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Terry Parsons, Jade Hammond

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

Remembering the Sick:

Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY
Discipleship - Being Good Enough for God**

Part 2 of this focus on responding to God with 'just who we are!'

God's view of the world

Consider a time when you experienced a profound or transcendent experience. When in your life did you encounter a moment that was whole and perfect? Reflect on this experience. What occurred that made the moment perfect? Consider this experience again from another point of view and look for the imperfections. In considering the imperfections is that moment now less superb? I am sure your answer was, 'no'. This is how you can learn to view the world as God does. The real skill and the transformative practice is to apply this approach to the way in which you view yourself.

When you pause to contemplate yourself in this way you must begin by being intentionally kind. Accept all of you. Do not judge, just observe. You are who you are, and while there may be some things that should be adjusted, these points need to be discerned without prejudice and must be weighed against your perfect self - your soul. In being kind you will begin to strip away the critical and unnecessary judgments that obscure your vision.

Essence of charity

Kindness is in essence charity - it is essential but also finite. Kindness does not bring about lasting change. To allow oneself to be transformed we need to bring about justice. South African theologian Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who died 26 December 2021, offers a vivid metaphorical image of this need in saying, 'There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.' Justice is more difficult than kindness as it forces us to identify and remove the destructive thoughts that drive our negative self-talk and develop the courage to remove the masks we wear that hide our vulnerability.

To be true to our perfect and eternal self we must enter into a challenging voyage of self-awareness and acceptance. Developing the practice of observing non-judgmentally is the essence of the secular practice of mindfulness. In overlaying our spiritual beliefs we can align our observation point with God's.

Beyond the flaws

The Ignatian value of detachment is an essential element of this method. One must be comfortable with leaving behind what is not helpful in expressing one's true self. Those who love us also view us in this way. They see beyond our flaws and through the false or exaggerated aspects we hide behind, and they love us all the same. As you move through this autumn season, be intentional in your desire to be transformed. Be comfortable in knowing that the authentic you is perfect and loved. Also be aware that the things that you will find need adjustment are the things that are not truly you.

Have courage and let go of all that is limiting the expression of who you truly are. With this you will not only be able to offer kindness to yourself, but you will ensure justice, wholeness and perfection illuminate our world. Shine brightly.

Part 2 of this article first appeared in the autumn 2022 edition of **Madonna magazine**.

Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. at Sthn Cross Club Woden, Wednesday 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

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