

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, ‘We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.’ It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3
(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.
(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said: ‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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‘Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,’ Pope Francis once said. Francis explained that these few lines in today’s Gospel passage ‘contain the whole of Jesus’ message ... he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.’ Indeed, he continued, ‘Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.’ Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope’s call for the Church to become more synodal. ‘Synodality’, Francis explains, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really ‘an expression of the Church’s nature, her form, style and mission.’ We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit. As Francis put it at one point: ‘we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.’ We must rediscover, he declared, ‘that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.’ We must learn ‘to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.’ And a good place to start discerning God’s voice, he suggested, is ‘by listening to each other.’

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FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Resumes Monday May 26
at 1.00pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

“Good News” group
resumes every
Wednesday after Mass
to discuss reading for
the following Sunday.
CMR

Wrap with Love
Tuesday 13th May
10-11am BB Library
Wednesday 28th 1-3pm
CMR

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

GUIDE TO BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation is ideally done in groups.

Some time ago, I had a really uplifting experience of meeting a group of families preparing their children for Baptism.

The Church requires some existence of faith in couples requesting the Sacrament of Baptism from the Church. So, during part of this night, many of the participants shared their various faith journeys from within the Catholic faith, while others related their growing up within a Protestant tradition. Some of the families commented on the helpful experience of meeting other young couples, on a faith level, who were preparing for Baptism.

In the discussion section of the meeting these are some of the questions which were shared by the couples. Maybe you might like to consider some of them.

1. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
2. How will you teach your child to pray?
3. How will you teach your child to trust in Jesus’ Spirit if they can’t see it?
4. What do you like most about being a Catholic, or being married to a Catholic?
5. Can you outline an example when you had to trust Jesus?
6. What are your thoughts on: “If you who are evil know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your heavenly Father give to those who ask him.” (Matthew 7:11)
7. If you wish to be the best parent possible for your child, knowing that you can’t ‘cover all the bases’, what means will you try to use to be the best?
8. What question would you like to ask about the Catholic Church?

Fr Rex Curry

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 12th —Sunday 18th May

Monday 12th: NO MASS

Tuesday 13th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 14th: Mass WITH

Anointing of the Sick 9am

Thursday 15th Mass 9am

Friday 16th: Mass 9am

Saturday 17th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 18th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

10/11 MAY

Cleaning

12-16 May Favetta/
O'Neill/Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
L Butt
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May
Commentator . J
Whiteford
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
V & C Burns,
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel

COUNTERS

D & L May

17/18 MAY

Cleaning

19-23 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie
Commentator: J OSullivan
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers:
L Mylott
Computer Screen: M
O'Neill

9.00AM MASS:

Welcomer: M Britt
Commentator: B Basevi
Reader: N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers
A Scicluna, K Corbin
Computer Screen: T Jones

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

COUNTERS:

T Priest/J Whiteford

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Two Morning Retreats: 'The Gift of Years - Growing older Gracefully'.

Dates: Morning 1: *Tuesday May 27 a*

Morning 2: *Tuesday June 17...* topics
will differ on each morning.

Time: 9-30am - 12 noon in St Bernard's Church Meeting
Room.

Cost= Free;

BYO shared morning tea.

Facilitated by Marie Weatherall and Carolyn Evenden.

All welcome ...come to 1 and/or both mornings.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

RSVP by Monday May 19

Marie (m) 0405028057
or Carolyn (m) 0400 021 119.

ARE YOUR LOVED ONES MISSING OUT?

It is harder to get referrals from Aged Care Facilities for
those people would would like
visitation and HC. At all of the five facilities, we have
rostered Pastoral Care and monthly Mass is celebrated if
sufficient numbers wish to attend.

Families can give us the details of those wishing for a
visit.

If in hospital please alert the RN to add your loved one to
the Catholic Sunday visitation list.

Enquiries: *Marie Weatherall*
0405 028 057

Pastoral Care Team Roster June-Aug
will be sent out soon.

If you are away in June-Aug please
email or text your dates to
Marie W ASAP on: 0405 028 057

LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL *Retreat* At Galong

Starts 5pm Mass Friday 13th June—lunchtime Monday 16th
June

(week-end options available)

Speakers:

Fr Hugh, Fr Emil, Fr Marco Killingsworth

To book : Contact Galong directly:
St Clements Retreat & Conference Centre
Kalangan Road, Galong
NSW 2585
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BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

This week-end we welcome
Jane Thompson into our faith
community through the waters of
baptism.

May God's love and blessings
be upon them on this baptism
day and always.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure
expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil

vanquished, your glory will shine
eternally.

May the grace of the
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer

throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Remembering the Sick:

Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton,
Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson,
Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle,
Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie
McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon,
Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee,
Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor
Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy
Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Pope Francis, Kelvin
Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David
Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers,
Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion
O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly,
Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni
Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence
Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce
Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard,
Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

MAY

For working conditions

Let us pray that through
work, each person might
find fulfilment, families
might be sustained in
dignity, and that society
might be humanised.

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