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

Acts of the Apostles 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

Revelation 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.' The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34 Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel John 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 Nick Brodie

'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment. As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love - 'as I have loved vou'.

Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.'

Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.'

In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and neverending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.³

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Healing Prayer with Saint Charbel on 23rd May. Friday at 5 PM

On the 23rd May, we will celebrate the monthly Feast of Saint Charbel from

Lebanon. All are invited to come and learn about the life and miracles of Saint Charbel and pray together through His intercession.

There will also be an

opportunity to be anointed with the holy oil of Saint Charbel.

The prayer will take place on Friday 23rd May at 5pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Moruya.



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FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER Year C



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

Parish Sacramental Program 2025 Confirmation **Commitment Masses** Saturday 24th 5pm and Sunday 25th 9am Enrolment now open at the **Parish Office**

> Wrap with Love Wednesday 28th 1-3pm CMR

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS (a) 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove

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Waiting with purpose is very different to procrastination. Procrastination refers to unduly deferring action, using delaying tactics, putting off what needs to be attended to. It is passive and often inept. Whereas waiting with purpose implies there is an intention to act. Before the action takes place there is often a period of reflection, observation and planning.

When we read about Mary MacKillop's life, we observe she had many times in her life where she had to wait...hers was a purposeful waiting. We know she was a very down to earth person who believed in getting things done despite the obstacles and challenges she had to face. In 1898 she wrote about her experiences with a particular community: "Of all the slow workers I have ever met they beat them. I should have been away from here a fortnight ago but had to remain and urge them on." When reading this I think of all the graced moments when I have had to learn to wait upon the needs of others: teaching children with disabilities; sitting with a sick or dying person; listening to the story of a refugee. As Sue and Leo Kane in the Little Brown Book 11 point out: "Just as out in the bush we learn to wait for the billy to boil, or the damper to rise or in the long term, for the drought to end-can we sit around our imaginary campfire under the Southern Cross and silently ponder Mary's wisdom? (pg91) It is the same wisdom of the Psalmist who prays "My soul awaits the Beloved as one waits the birth of a child." (Psalm 130:6)

Waiting...Now...Soon...in a little while!

In today's gospel (John 13:31-35) Judas has hardly left the Upper Room and gone out into the night. Jesus knows he is about to betray him. Against this contemptible background Jesus speaks to his disciples in an extraordinary way. He uses words such as "Now ... soon ... in a little while." What sort of time is implied here: This is the time after Easter when Jesus "having been reinstated in his glory at the right hand of the Father, awaits with his disciples (the Church) the full manifestation of that glory. (The Glenstal Bible Missal pg1131).

Soon, after a little while, Jesus will no longer be with his disciples. Not that he wants to abandon them or leave them to themselves but Jesus is preparing them to adjust from being accustomed to his physical presence to faith in his unseen presence in the very experience of his absence. He chooses this moment to command his disciples to love one another in the same way as he has.

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



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Waiting for the 'billy to boil'!

Marie Weatherall

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 19th —Sunday 25th May

Monday 19th: NO MASS **Tuesday 20th:** Mass 5pm Wednesday 21st: Mass 9am **Thursday 22nd:** Mass 9am Mass 9am Friday 23rd: Saturday 24th: Mass 5pm Reconciliation 3.30-4.30 Sunday 25th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

17/18 MAY Cleaning

24/25 MAY Cleaning 26-30 M deSmet & J Maher

5.00PM MASS

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9.00 AM MASS:

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M & C Lowe

Priest

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Eucharistic Ministers

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MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic & Zdenka

COUNTERS

Г & A Jackson

Commentator N Beatty

N Buick

K Conway

Eucharistic Ministers

Commentator M O'Neill

19-23 D & L May 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie Commentator: J OSullivar 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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Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope. With great joy, I join the Church worldwide in welcoming Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of St. Peter. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the College of Cardinals has discerned a leader deeply rooted in faith, unity, and service.

When Pope Leo XIV appeared on the balcony, his first words, "Peace be with you," echoed the greeting of the Risen Lord. It is a reminder that the Pope's primary mission, like St. Peter and his successors, is to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His smile and serene presence have already touched hearts, offering the world a message of hope and renewal.

The American born Pope Leo XIV's motto, as a bishop, "In the One, one", beautifully reflects his call to unify. From the people of Rome to his Peruvian diocese and beyond, his opening address spoke of peace, walking together, and God's unfailing mercy and love. His focus on unity and his commitment to the themes of synodality show a desire to bring collective harmony to a diverse, global Church.

The new Pope's experience is as varied as it is profound. His time as an Augustinian monk, Prior General of the Augustinian Order and Peruvian bishop and his significant Vatican roles exemplify a balance of his mystical, pastoral, administrative and linguistic charisms. This rich and diverse background uniquely equips him to guide the Church with wisdom and compassion. His choice of Leo XIV reminds us of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) whose long Papal ministry was foundational to the articulation of Catholic Social Teaching.

We now enter a time of prayer as Pope Leo XIV prepares for his formal installation and begins his ministry as the Bishop of Rome. With aratitude for the legacy of Pope Francis, we move forward with confidence, trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us through this Jubilee pilgrimage of hope.

I ask all the faithful to join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV as he undertakes this God given mission.

May God bless him, and may his Servant leadership bring abundant arace to the Church and the world.

> Archbishop Christopher Prowse Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn 8th May 2025

Two Morning Retreats: 'The Gift of Years - Growing older Gracefully'. Dates: Morning 1: Tuesday May 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.

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

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. expectation 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 Odlum, 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

