

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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.

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ENCOURAGED BY LOVE

It is the theme of encouragement offered and received which binds together the readings for today. As they make their way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas encourage the communities they have established among the Gentiles. On their return, they give an account to the community in Antioch of the fruitful ministry in which they have been engaged.

The reading from the Apocalypse is a vision that functions to encourage, comfort, and bring hope to a group of Christians who wondered whether God's plans for them and the world would ever reach fulfilment. Persecution had sapped their energies. Christians who had lost their initial fervour could not be blamed for wondering whether Jesus' death and resurrection had really changed the shape of the world. John's vision is a powerful answer to the questioning of Christians in every age.

One of the startling statements of Jesus in John's Gospel is that it is at the moment when he is betrayed, and seemingly powerless in the face of the forces of evil, that he is glorified. No one takes Jesus' life from him; it is freely offered out of love (John 10:18). It is precisely this love that serves as the foundation for the life of the Church, and as the means that leads to his glorification. It is our love of one another that gives us the encouragement we need and serves as the most powerful expression of our Easter faith for others.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

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

Apoc 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



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	Fri: 9am	Sat: 9am	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders, in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Roy Carpenter, Warwick McKeon, Laurence McDonnell.

Anniversaries: Peg MacRae (4/5), Harry Cunningham (30/4).

Deceased: David Owens, Kathleen Griffin (Lismore), Ivan Abra, Annette Hardy, Maria Mood, John Steer, Terry Burke.

Sick: Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (contactless option) BSB 082105

1st Coll: Presbytery (Dioc. Priests) Acc 001023642 **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

May God bless and keep you all.

Sr Mary Mackillop 1873



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN IS REQUIRED

WELCOME: We welcome Father Ross O'Brien again this weekend as he so kindly supplies to us for Father Anthony. We truly appreciate his pastoral care.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into our catholic community Leon Klasen and Gia Lac Tran. We pray for them, their parents and godparents.

DAY OF FAMILIES: Sunday May 15 is the United Nation's International Day of Families. This year's theme is Families and Urbanisation for All. The theme focuses on how sustainable urbanization should empower families and help them live a better life. This International Day of Families reminds us that having a home is a basic human right. Please pray for all those who find themselves homeless today.

SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Tuesday 24 May is the solemnity of , Mary Help of Christians. A special mass will be held at St Edwards Church South Tamworth at 12noon on this day for this very important solemnity. As the Patron of our Diocese and Patron of our Country this is a very special day to offer prayers of thanksgiving and intentions.

ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY: St Joseph's School is having an Open Day on Saturday 21 May from 9 am to 12 noon. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

****READERS REQUIRED:** Following our unusual times of late, we would like to organise ongoing rosters for reading and other tasks needed in the Parish such as counting, cleaning and altar linen. If you are able to assist with any of these, especially reading, please drop the parish an email, visit the website and leave feedback, or give us a ring. Should you require training it is readily available. We need to expand our volunteer lists to share the load and cover illness etc. for these important tasks.

PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER: Catholics across the country are being invited to participate in a new prayer pilgrimage as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The "Walking in the Spirit" pilgrimage has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers. The prayer pilgrimage will lead up to the opening of the second—and final—assembly on Sunday 3 July. You may access resources at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/>

PARISH CENTRE HIRE: The lower level of our lovely parish centre is now available for event hire to the public.(no 18th's/21st's). Please contact the office for information and bookings.

COMING EVENTS:

24 May Mary Help of Christians, 12pm mass
5 June Pentecost Sunday

29 May The Ascension of The Lord
12 June Feast of The Holy Trinity

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 15/5/22

Vigil: R D Gowing Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 21/5 S Brown & V Griffiths
Altar Linen: J Hutt

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 22/5/22

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team G&M Thrift; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 28/5 K O'Brien J Cunningham
Altar Linen E Jackson

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

