

5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

18th - 19th May 2019

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

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.

Second Reading: Apoc 21:1-5

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

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:34

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

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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



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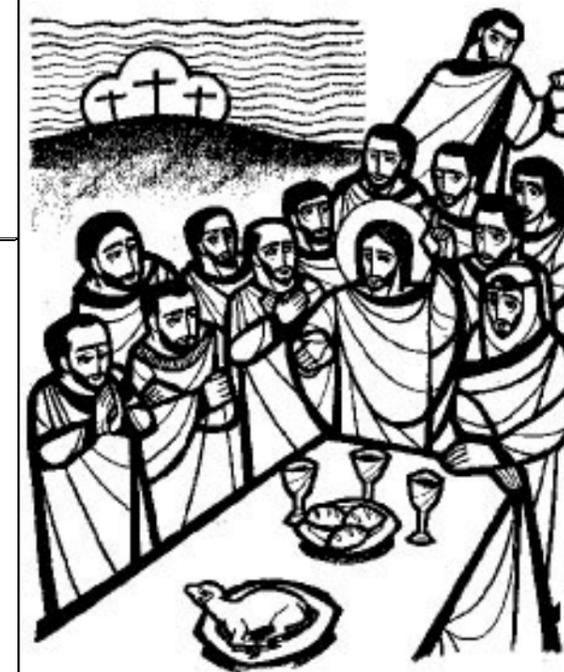
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Building Connection in the Spirit of Hope

In these weeks of Easter the liturgies have led us to reflect how the disciples rose out of fear and hopelessness to faith in the Risen Lord and came to terms with the future it opened without His physical presence amongst them. Today's Gospel reflects back upon the frightful drama that preceded the resurrection, centring on the night of Jesus' farewell meal with His disciples. Jesus' instructions to His beloved disciples were preceded by an act of humble service by washing the feet of His table companions - conventionally the duty of a household servant. Following this act is today's message of Jesus to all who would be faithful disciples and, with Him, be one with God. "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

To love as Jesus loved was no small thing. It was to be the visible expression of God's impartial outreaching love for all; the connection to God as Father, Son, Spirit and to one another.



'The love which imitates the love of Jesus for others is therefore a practical, down to earth kind of love. It is self-forgetting and self-sacrificing for the wellbeing of others. True love is the opposite of selfishness. Selfishness builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring about others, being friends, being sisters and brothers, good neighbours.' (Fr Brian GleesonCSP)

And of course the 'family' is our first community for receiving, sharing and nurturing life and learning to receive and practice love.

It is within the family that we first build connections with others, based on the deep knowledge that we are loved. Sometimes these ideal relationships are absent or break down. And in some tragic instances families become traumatised by instances of abuse or domestic violence, alienated from community through discrimination or split up through displacement and exile.

At these times our Christian community, grounded in proclaiming God's Love to the world, needs to review its priorities, rally around, support and bring hope to such individuals and families and strive as one to make our community a safe place where children, young people, the aged and vulnerable are respected, protected and loved. Let us pray for God's blessing on all families today.

Office Hours:
Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:
Fr Jan Szweda, SVD
Priests in Residence:
Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD
Fr Phuong Vu SVD, La Trobe University Chaplain
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St. Vincent de Paul Society:
Pauline O'Day (President)
Ph: 9484 2445

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) & Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

**Give hope by giving generously to
Chaplaincy Sunday 2019, Sunday 19th May**

The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in our community this coming Sunday. The presence of Catholic chaplains in all the health, aged care, and justice systems across Melbourne is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. The focus for 2019 is healthcare Chaplaincy. Healthcare chaplains offer emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to patients and their families in Melbourne's major public hospitals, as well as hospitals in regional Victoria. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to families facing illness, pain, grief and death. If you would like further information about the Appeal or to donate online, please visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy, or contact the Office of Philanthropy on 9926 5731.



**Sacred Heart Primary School
Enrolments**

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Dates to Remember

Friday 24th May: Masses at 9.10am and 7.30pm
Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
**Henry Lee Davoren Neylon
& Ivanna Lauren Soriano**
into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 12/05/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1020.90
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$555.35
Thank you for your kind generosity!



**A Broken Church for a Broken World:
Day of Reflection**

Saturday 25th May, 9.30am-4pm
Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road, Kew

In a time when many church people feel bewilderment, shame, anger and despair; as our longing for a Christ-centred Church feels more urgent and palpable than ever, what are we to become? This day of reflection, led by Jacinta Bright and Terry Fanning, invites us to consider our vulnerability as a gift, painful as that might be, so that the Spirit might transform us at this time to be a Church of integrity; a Church for the margins; the broken body of Christ for, in and with a broken world.

Homelessness – What Parishes Can Do?

On Saturday 8th June 2019, with the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help. Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Lucia Brick at lucia.brick@css.org.au, Tel. 03 9287 5566.



Extraordinary Month of Mission Song Contest 2019

Catholic Mission invites budding musicians to compose a song to celebrate Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission. Songwriters will use the medium of music and lyrics to give expression to our mission to make a difference in this world – by celebrating our baptismal call which centres our faith on the needs of the poor and oppressed. School students, youth groups, parish musicians and music students are invited to compose a song and submit it to the Diocesan Director of the Melbourne Diocese. The criteria you need to take into account are: **1.** Produce a song which can be sent via Dropbox (melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au) by Friday, 26th July. The time is short so the burst of inspiration is critical. **2.** Be free to create a song that encourages us to lend a voice to the voiceless. **3.** Internationally the competition asks that within the lyrics "baptised and sent" is included. Locally there is much scope for your own expression of mission. For further details contact: Kevin Meese, Diocesan Director on 0411256112 Email: melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au Catholic Mission 400 Albert St, East Melbourne VIC 3002

'Our Parish Mission'

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd May
Morning sessions: 9.30-11.45am; evening sessions: 7.30-8.45pm
St Pius X Church and Hall, 419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West

'Parish missions are a time for us to reflect on where we have been, where we are and where we are going. This mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christians in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live more deeply our lives of faith'. – Missioner Fr Leonard SJ

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Information Nights**

Wednesday 22nd May, Thursday 23rd May, Tuesday 28th May, Wednesday 29th May and Wednesday 5th June

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites parishes, individuals, movements and communities to join us for our regional ACYF information sessions. Find out all you need to know and have the opportunity to ask questions. You can join any session that suits you.

Northern region: St Fidelis Parish Hall, Coburg
Tuesday 28 May, 6.30-7.30pm
Eastern region: St Pius X, Heidelberg West
Wednesday 5th June, 6.30-7.30pm
Enquiries: acyf@cam.org.au
Bookings: <https://forms.gle/GvNJyJNN7RkTppWr8>
Download Flyer: https://melbourncatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF19_A5_ParishInfo_Flyer%20FA%20.pdf

Our Easter Challenge

In *Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis observes: 'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force' (§276). And perhaps this is our Easter challenge: to open our eyes to the signs of the resurrection. To help to roll the stones of life away. To be light for others. So may our hearts truly become Easter hearts—awake to the presence of the resurrected Jesus, who continues to breathe life and bring peace into this world of ours.

**Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 25th May 2019**
Pauline/Cory



Thank you for your help!

Oz Rosary Around Australia

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May 2019
Participation is encouraged anytime over the weekend!
Flyer: <https://bit.ly/2Cj4Lib>
Enquiries: Jane Chifley on 0476535595 or ozrosary53@gmail.com

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon,
Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe,
Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi,
Raul Reinal, Fr Jan Szweda & Ercolina Zoppi*

Those who have died
Maria Cardamone, Francesca Chiodo, Giovanni Chiodo, Angelo Didone, Andrew P. Howard, Carmela & Carmine Macari, Alice & Maurice Saad, Carlo Torchia & Assunta Tosello

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



**Coming Soon to Sacred Heart Parish
Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Sacred Heart Parish is planning to start a Children's Liturgy during regular Mass times and would like to hear from parents of children aged 4 - 12 years who may be interested in enrolling their children. The Liturgy of the Word is a prayerful celebration of God's Word, reading from a Children's Bible and reflecting on the way we live our lives in the light of God's Word. If you would like to be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681.



Bring your Palms Together...

As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to **celebrate diversity**, cross-cultural understanding, and our **Call to peaceful development of global family.**

Palms Together
Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm
Irish Times Pub
427 Little Collins St, MELBOURNE
RSVP: June 2nd to Robert@palms.org.au
Or call 02 9560 5333



Roster for weekend of 25th - 26th May 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb Charlotte Bainy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Bozzella C.	Mancini M. Mendolicchio A.	O'Neill A.
Sun 10.30am	Sonya Bading Ophelia Swai	George Mc Brien Tony Eley	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Ylenia Useli Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard	Jessica Suppiah