

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Second Reading - Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.'

Gospel - Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

April 24, 2016

Communities of love

Some years ago I was travelling interstate by train. In the compartment there were three passengers; myself and two young sailors in uniform. These young men belonged to a Christian charismatic movement. We talked and one of the sailors asked me where I lived; I replied that I lived in Kew, Victoria. He then asked me, "Tell us what God is doing in Kew." This, of course, was the kind of question a charismatic believer would ask; but I must confess that I had not thought of God acting in Kew.

But the early Christians believed that God acts in particular places. In the first reading we heard how Paul and Barnabas reported to the people of their church what God had done through them in several of the cities of the East. They believed that God was acting through them in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. What God was doing through them in these cities was revealing his love for people and so drawing them, with the disciples, into his kingdom. The kingdom of God is a community of love. But in working to bring people into this community of love, Christians experienced much suffering. They said, "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God"

In the reading from the Gospel of John we find similar ideas; the revelation of God's love and suffering. Firstly, Jesus reveals God to the people. God is glorified in him; that is to say, God's love is made visible in the person of Jesus

Weekly Mass Times:

Monday: 7.00 am Tuesday: 5.30 pm Wednesday: 8.00 am

Thursday: 7.00 am Friday: 5.30 pm Saturday: 8.30 am

Saturday: Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)

Sunday: 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

And in his life. But then comes the astounding second point; God's love is made visible not only through the healing and preaching of Jesus, but through his suffering and death. The glory of God is manifested through Jesus on the cross.

This means that God is leading him through suffering and death to resurrection, to return to the glory that he had with God from the beginning. This mysterious reality is beyond our human understanding. But Jesus himself provides the link between this divine reality and our human reality; that link is love.

The death and resurrection by which Jesus manifests the glory of God, is the manifestation of his love for us. "... I have loved you." Because he has loved us we can love one another; he has given us the gift of the capacity to love. Loving one another is our way of manifesting the glory of God. Finally, God's love will overcome suffering. If we love one another, God's love is at work in us and we can hope, as the second reading says, that God will wipe away all our tears.

So if you were asked: what is God doing in your town, you could answer; God is manifesting his glory through the love we have for one another.

Brian Johnstone CSsR
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Baptisms:

We welcome Tilda Anne Branch into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Vivien Addison, Kamala Mary Paul, Christina O'Donnell who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Lorenzo Gizzi, Eileen Kemp, Giuseppe Spadaro, Richard Elton-Bott, Andre Mali, Brian Colin Poore, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 1st May

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: George Lopez
Flowers: Margaret Koh
Counter: 1. J Ingrilli 2. G Oldenhof 3. N Kristianto

| | Saturday 6.30pm | Sunday 8.00am | Sunday 9.30am | Sunday 11.00am | Sunday 6.00pm |
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| Greeters | J Doss P Doss | M Golding P Golding | K Tan M Tan | A SciaScia R SciaScia | E Connolly B D'Mello |
| Acolytes | D Morais | D Bianchini | M Braganza | S McMahon | D Da Cruz |
| Altar Servers | S Gill K Lim K Lim | L Cherry O Mapfumo | N Arumugam D Bourne L Cariccio | T Carbone B Doray K Ferraz | Andresre O Cahill C Correa |
| Special Ministers | Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card | Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card | Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card | Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card | Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card |
| Catechists | (Yrs 1-4) L Sequeira (Yrs 5-6) S Tan | | (Yrs 1-4) M Jones (Yrs 5-6) K King | | |
| Readers | J Lim C Morais | B Martin C Morzenti | C Simons M Reutens | M Mareth S Nair | A Jones K A King |
| Piety stall | Isabelle | Anne Marie | Patrick | Rosemary | Ayenis |
| Readers' Coordinator: | Michele Doray 9310 4051 | | | | |

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

† Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
† Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)
† Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport)
† Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
† Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
May 2016

Section A
Sharon Vong

Section B
Craig McIver

Youth

STRONGER TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Our next Stronger teens youth group meeting will be on the 6th of May. We hope you all enjoy the school holidays and stay safe. Hope to see many of you back on the 6th!

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER (POTLUCK)

Our next young adults dinner will be a POTLUCK DINNER held on Sunday the 1st of May. The dinner will be held at the parish after the 6pm Youth Mass so please come down and bring a plate to share!

Event will be put up on Facebook too so keep an eye out!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CYM HOLY HOUR

CYM Mass and Holy Hour has returned for the year! Held every Wednesday, mass is at 5:30pm followed by Holy Hour at 6:30pm, with dinner provided for a small donation of \$5

VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL

Please keep all the participants for this weekend's Veritas Youth Festival in your prayers.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – LOVE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS (4 WEEK SERIES)

UNDA's program on dating and relationships commenced on the 19th of April. Come down and join students from across the University for their ongoing discussion series as they ask and attempt to answer the important questions about life, love and relationships.

Food and drinks will be provided along with LIVE MUSIC. April 26, and May 3, 10.

26th April Anna Krohn (Vic) - TBA

3rd May. Kamila Soh - Lies Single People Believe

10th May, Daniel Lazaroo - Red Flags in Relationships.



Parish News

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – CHANGE OF TIME

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday 27th April from 11.30am to 1.00pm and not from the morning as we have a Funeral from 9.30am.

Adorers, please note the change of Time.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - 7TH MAY

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for May will take place on Saturday 7th May after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

White Chrysentamums are needed to decorate the float for Our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning at 10am.

HOME ROSARY – MONTH OF MAY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of May are invited to write their names on the list in the church foyer. A statue of Our Lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana at the Parish Office on 9310 1747.

SENIORS' MASS & MORNING TEA—5th May

Following a wonderful response to our gathering late last year a similar get together will take place on Thursday, May 5th. Mass will commence at 10am followed by morning tea in the Parish Meeting Room. Please place your name on the list in the foyer of the Church. All welcome and please bring a plate.



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE! - 10TH MAY AT 7.00PM

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on 10th of May at 7pm.

The study includes a series of seven informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study on the sheet in the foyer of the Church. It is recommended that you purchase the Bible study workbook.

2016 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT)

The Parish will participate in the 2016 National count of Mass attendance over four weekends in May starting from 30th April 2016. This is a simple headcount of all Mass attendance by the appointed counters at every Mass celebration in our church throughout May. This is a national exercise throughout the Archdiocese and Australia wide to determine the number of people in attendance including language and frequency of celebration. Thank you.

Parish News (continued)

BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious Education program for children in Years 1 to 6 who are not attending Catholic schools. The program will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (2 year program). There is also a comprehensive program commencing on **11 May 2016** for **high school children** who may not have received all of their Sacraments. Enrolments for the Sacrament of the Eucharist classes have unfortunately closed. For enquiries please contact Jenny on 9310-1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or on 0435695399.

REPLACE YOUR WAX CANDLES

Replace your wax candles at home with the Australian design hand-held "Candlelite" battery operated LED "flicker flame" candles. These candles simulate the natural flicker of a real candle creating a warm magical atmosphere just like a real candle, only SAFER as there is NO dripping of wax etc. These candles comply with Australia & International Safety Standards. Each AAA Alkaline battery will provide 200+ hours of use.

These candles can be used for Our Lady's Candle-Light Procession on 7th May. They are currently available from our SVDP Piety stall at \$3.00 each.

2016/2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK NOW ON SALE

Yidarra Catholic Primary school is again fundraising with the Entertainment Book (vouchers plus a gold card) or also available on multiple phones as a DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP that puts all the offers in the book on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button. All pre-orders will receive BONUS early bird vouchers that you can use straight away. Order online at www.entbook.com.au/8g3295 or phone Alex Rossi 0419 962 963.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you have recently moved into this area and have not registered with the parish, please register in the foyer and make yourself known to the priest after Mass. We warmly welcome you to our Parish.



A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY OUR MOTHER

Parents of Children attending Yidarra School, Corpus Christi and Parishioners are welcome.

Our next session is titled "The Nativity from Luke 2:1-20". St. John Paul II reflecting on this Mystery said: "Mary experiences childbirth in a condition of extreme poverty; she cannot give the Son of God even what mothers usually offer a newborn baby; instead, she has to lay him 'in a manger', an improvised cradle which contrasts with the dignity of the 'Son of the Most High'. How do we respond when we are not treated the way we think we should be?"

We welcome all mums and Dads from Yidarra, Corpus Christi and the Parish to join us at the Parish hall.

When: Wednesday, May 11th. 9.15 -10.15am. Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or

Diocesan Notices

NOURISH YOUR FAITH:

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a great variety of short courses available (including "Exploring the Mass," "Grace-Filled Parenting," "Last Things" and many more!) at several locations throughout Perth and online (no need to travel). No prior studies are required, courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment, and there are no exams or assignments. For more information, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221 for a Term Two brochure.

TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER – Thanksgiving Prayer in honour of Sr Irene McCormack's 25th Anniversary of her death in Peru

You are invited to join the South Perth Taizé praying community to celebrate and give thanks to God for Sr Irene's life.

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. **When:** 15th May from 7-8pm (Chapel doors open 6.30pm). **Bring:** a small torch, and invite a friend. **Further info:** Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, mriddler@sosjiwa.org.au.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

With the encouragement of Pope Francis to take a pilgrimage in the Year of Mercy, we invite you to join us from 4th to 28th September 2016. Countries: Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland: 25 days; \$6,890.00
Includes return airfares, accommodation in four star hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees at place mentioned in the itinerary and tips for guides and drivers.
For more detailed information and a copy of the itinerary, please feel free to contact Judy David Mobile 0423 167 585; Email J.david494@gmail.com or Fr. Emil Phone: 0408 447 062.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Our Home for the Aged in Glendalough Perth, currently has 73 residents. There is a need now to completely rebuild a new home to meet the required standards to ensure the quality of life. We are embarking on raising the enormous amount that is needed. As such, can you help?

A FOOD FAIR would be held on Sunday, 15th May 2016 from 10am till 4.00pm at our Glendalough Home grounds, 2 Rawlins St. All are invited to participate and tickets would be sold and if you could help further by operating a stall or two please call Sr. Margurite at 94433155 or sms Bernadette Robert at 04-23958123 for more info



CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

Catholic Faith Renewal invites you to bring your family & friends to enjoy the evening on Friday 6 May 2016. Song of praise & worship (7.30pm) Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm) Talk by Fr Mark Baumgarten on "Genesis 2 : The First Romance" (8:00 pm) Fellowship & Light supper (9:00 pm)