

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 14: 21-27

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

R/ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
21:1-5

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

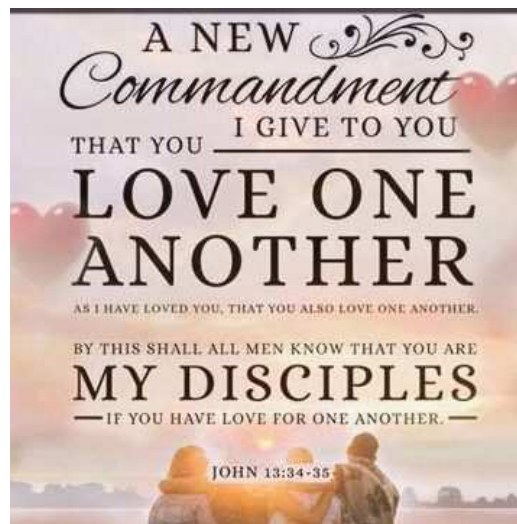
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 13:31-35

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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5th Sunday of Easter – Year C

14th / 15th May, 2022

***Loving God,
we behold Your glory
in the love shown by Your Son,
lifted up on the cross
and exalted on high.
Increase our love for one another,
that both in name and in truth
we may be disciples of Your risen Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God. What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.. © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS: Wed 18th May St John I, pope, martyr.
Fri 20th May St Bernardine of Siena Sat 21st May St Christopher Magallanes

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday No Mass
Wed & Thurs - Communion Service 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

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BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.
Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...
All who have died recently:
Andy (Angelo) Zarro , Hans Roleff



Those who we remember at this time:
Luigi Albicini, Lucia Varrasso, Gilda Migliore, Sasty Sastradipradja, Angela Sawyer, Peter Dunlop, Laurie Nicholls, Walerian Koroluk, Fr Jim Carroll, Eleonora Discenza

The sick: George & Genevieve White, Michael Jones, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

ROSARY – MONTH OF MAY. ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a **chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New friends welcomed.**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Come and join us for Praise, Prayer and fellowship. We in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tuesday Mornings. This week we focus on healing ministry. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

2022 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – REGISTER NOW, AND SAVE THE DATE. Confirmation Information Family Night on Thursday 2nd June, at 7pm. The Sacrament, planned to be at 6pm on Thursday 14th July, 2022.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



FUNERAL MASS – The Funeral Mass for the late **Hans Roleff** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Thursday, 19th May, 2022 at 1pm.**

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC Sunday 22 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF> The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of the 21–22 May, 2022.

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. *Unfortunately, in Australia one in every 65 households is homeless, according to the 2016 census.* This includes one in every 145 families with children under the age of 18. In 2017–18, 64 per cent of people seeking support from specialist homelessness services were in a family living arrangement. It is time that as a society more emphasis is placed on addressing homelessness. **This International Day of Families reminds us that having a home is a basic human right. Governments need to do more.**



BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Lucas Kennedy** son of Kieron & Melissa, **Madeleine Ferrara**, daughter of Marcello & Renae, **Ava Martin** daughter of Adam & Leah, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

THANK YOU! A HUGE Thank you to those who donated the beautiful flowers for Mother's Day. Your generosity is much appreciated!

NEW LECTOR'S ROSTER a new lector's roster has been distributed, **commencing 14th May, 2022.** For those with Email Addresses, your rosters have been emailed out. Please check your Junk email folder, or contact the Parish Office if you didn't receive a copy. **For those without an email address, please collect a paper copy after Mass this weekend.** We especially welcome aboard, all our new lectors - it's wonderful to have you on the team!

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN for the 'Call of Guadalupe'-an Australian-grown Catholic Musical! For more info: <http://www.cogtheatre.org> For audition details: contact cogtheatre@gmail.com or Von 0423 886 984 or Geraldine 0413398528 Includes Free acting classes!

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE Saturday 21st May is Federal Election Day. Voting is compulsory for all Australian Citizens aged 18yrs and over. **This year, St John the Baptist School is selected to have a Polling Booth in the School Hall. There will be a BBQ from 10am-2pm on Election Day outside the school hall.** Please help support our school by purchasing a sausage or two. All funds raised will go towards some play enriching projects for our children. Thanking you!

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at the **Alive in the Spirit Online Conference 26th – 28th May 2022**
Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church. See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at: www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

ROSTERS: Mon 16th May to Sun 22nd May

Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 9am: Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am: Priya H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Gordon V 11am: Carolyn S
Counters	Peter & Dawn, Peter C, Florence J
Gardening	Tom Noonan