

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.**

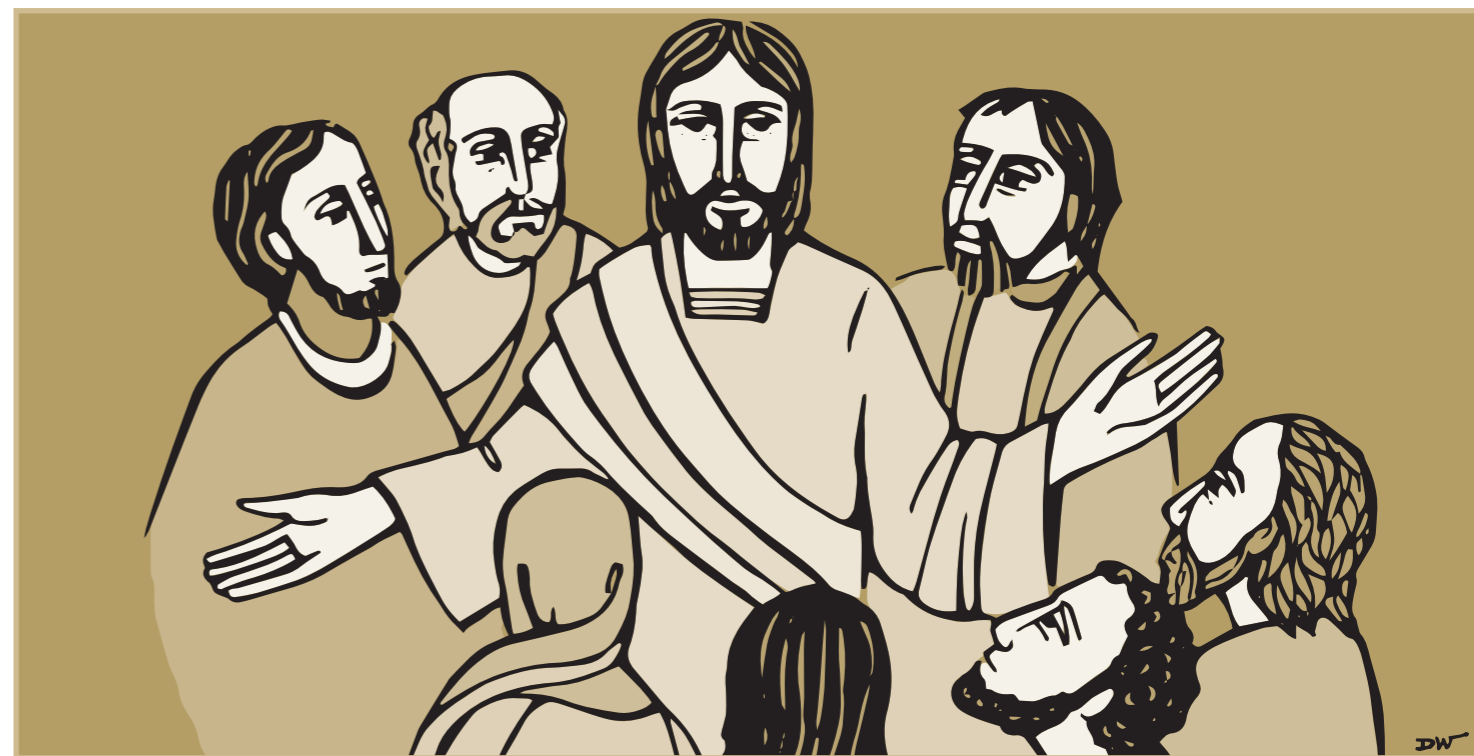
## SECOND READING

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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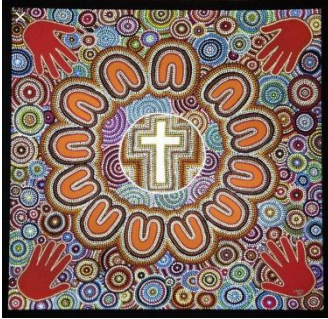
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**May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter C**

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**Prayers of Faithful:** Wendy Phelps

**Money Counter:** Dot

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**May 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 ASCENSION Year C**

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**Prayers of Faithful:** Richard Schwager

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**St Andrew's Wee Waa**

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 10.00 am

Wednesday 8.30 am

(Anointing Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> week of month)

**Weeronga Service 4<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday of the Month at 10.30am

**St. Joseph's Burren Junction**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Mass 8:00am

**St. Brigid's Pilliga**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Communion Service 9.00 am

### A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering and afraid, that You will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in Your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

In Jesus's holy Name we pray. Amen.

### Saturday Night Mass

There will be no Saturday Night Mass during the month of May.

### Home Mass

Jenny and Terry Melton will host this month's Home Mass at 5.30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome to attend

## REFLECTION

### Mother Teresa and the Right Idea of Love

One thing that can sometimes hold us back in our efforts to follow the Lord's New Commandment is a **false idea** of what love should **feel** like.

- We tend to think that true love is always accompanied by **nice feelings**, and if the feelings go away, that means the love has gone away too.
- That's what radio and TV tell us, but that's not what the Gospel tells us.
- Love, true love, Christ-like love, goes **deeper than feelings**. It demands sacrifice, self-giving, and self-forgetfulness.
- **Christ-like love always involves a cross**. That's what makes it Christ-like; that's what makes it true love.

If we can get this truth to sink down from our **heads** into our **hearts**, we will be freer **to love more as Christ loves**, and we will lead **happier** lives, and make those around us **happier**.

Maybe the words of a real expert in Christ-like love will help convince us of this. Here is a profile of real Christian love from **BI Mother Teresa of Calcutta**:

"People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway."

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway.

Why? Because in the final analysis, all of this is between you and God...It was never between you and them anyway."

Today when Jesus comes to renew his commitment to us in Holy Communion, let's ask him to convince us **once and for all** that Christian love doesn't mean **nice feelings, but self-giving, self-forgetting**, and going **out of our way** to help our neighbours, just as he went out of the way to help us.

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