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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

22 May 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:30am - Quirindi - note the change
Tuesday 9:30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9:30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 9:30am - Werris Creek
Friday 9:30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5:00pm - Quirindi
6:30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday: 8:00am - Willow Tree
9:30am - Quirindi

Carona: 5th Sunday of the Month

29 May 2022

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: After 9.30am Mass Friday This Saturday only 4.15pm to 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of the Month after mass with Benediction at 12 noon.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette

Coming Events

- Tues 24 Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
- Wed 25 No Mass at Werris Creek today
- Wed 25 First Communion Lessons in the Parish Hall at 3.50pm
- Thurs 26 No Mass at Werris Creek today
- Sun 29 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am followed by Morning Tea
- Sun 29 Mass at Carroona at 11.15am

Planned Giving \$366.00 + Loose \$0.00 = \$366.00
Easter Dues \$795.00 @ 15/5/22

First Collection \$300.60

Our Lady Help of Christians Mass on Tuesday 24th May at 9.30am, all current and retired members of Catholic Women's League Quirindi Branch are invited to attend, along with Josephine Companions. Brunch in the Hall after Mass

Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray a rosary for peace in Ukraine every day during the month of May " We begin the month dedicated to the Mother of God, I would like to invite the faithful and all communities to pray the rosary every day during the month of May for peace." Please pray the Rosary as a family and individually or as you are going about your day pray a decade of the Rosary.

Divine Mercy is at 3.00pm every Sunday at St. Bridgid's

First Holy Communion Lessons have begun, next lesson is Wednesday 25th May at 3.50pm and every Wednesday up to and including 15th June. A Full Reflection Day will be held on Friday 17th June at 9.00 till 3.15pm. With the sacrament being celebrated on Sunday 19th June 2022. The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ at 9.30am at St. Bridgid's. Please pray for these children making this sacrament.

Bishop Michael Kennedy announces that Deacon Peterpaul Chikozie will be ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - 29th June, 2022 11.00 am at Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral, Armidale

Catholic Schools Week Mass for the Southern Deanery 11.00am Wednesday 25th May at St. Nicholas Church, East Tamworth.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the week leading to Pentecost Sunday. 30th May to 4th June 2022. Theme "We saw the star in the East, and we came to Worship." (Matt 2:2)

Statement from Bishop Kennedy on the passage of the Euthanasia Bill The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 recently passed the NSW Upper House by 20 votes to 17, having already passed the Lower House in October last year. While amendments will be debated, this does unfortunately mean that our elected representatives have legislated euthanasia in our state. I want to thank each of you who signed petitions, wrote or spoke to your local MP, prayed, and encouraged others to do the same. May God bless and reward you for all of your efforts. Putting time and effort into a campaign to help protect some of society's most vulnerable members, and then losing, can be discouraging and deflating, and it is important that we acknowledge this. At the same time, and in the lead up to a Federal Election, it is important that we think and pray about how Jesus calls us to greater responsibility in how we honour, value and care for the most vulnerable members of our society, being mindful to keep their God-given dignity intact. Let us continue to build a civilisation of life and love one person at a time.

33 Days to Morning Glory: A Consecration to Jesus through Mary Want to Grow in Holiness, But too busy? With the minimal commitment of 10 minutes of reading and prayer/day, plus a weekly Zoom meeting on Mondays between 7 and 8:30 pm you can join fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Armidale and beyond as we grow closer to Jesus and Mary through Marian Consecration. We begin on Monday 23 May, and you're welcome to gather as a group in your local parish each Monday until our consecration day on 25 June – the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. FREE registration is essential so we can organise you a book and other valuable retreat materials! Contact Chris on 0433 775 429 or chris@armidale.catholic.org.au for more information or see the poster and flyers at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's Conference Change Lives including Yours. Join our amazing local team! Are you compassionate, caring and love being part of a team? Do you have any specific skills to share? Can you spare 2 to 3 hours a week to help those in need?

St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) volunteers are passionate about helping those in need throughout the community. Our folk come from diverse backgrounds, experiences and beliefs, and bring a great depth of understanding, expertise and compassion to their service and involvement. Whatever your skill, passion or experience, we can put it to good use for the good of others. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bern at the Presbytery.

Reconciliation if you wish to receive reconciliation and the current time does not suit, just ring the Presbytery and make an appointment to see Father Kingsley. 6746 1133.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

22 MAY 2022

In 14:23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!

In 14:23-29

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my
words: And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father;

for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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CHRIST OUR LIGHT

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and the Father will love him.' Put like that it sounds so simple and yet in the life of the early Church one of the burning issues was what it meant to keep Jesus' word. For Jewish Christians being faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes how Jewish Christians who came from Judea to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping the law was the principal way that a person could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy consideration, was to propose a compromise that was hoped would enable both Jewish and Gentile Christians to live in peace with one another and to partake in table companionship. The life of the early Church was by no means without conflict, misunderstanding, or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard to see the signs of the times and to discern what it was that the Lord was asking of them. In the midst of all this Jesus' promise of the Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort. Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our hearts be troubled or afraid. John's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us heart knowing that the goal of our journey is in sight. With Christ as our light there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

(or Alleluia)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**



2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples; / you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**