



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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02 6746 1133  
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 8 May 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Roy Carpenter, Jennifer Bonsey (Aunt Esther's Sister), Joan Henry, John Lindeman;

**Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Barry Donnelly; James Meredith; Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Max Callaghan; Alex Bradley; Stuart Moore; Claude Perry; Philip Robertson; Richard Burraston; Lyle Press; James Neylon; Gladys Bannigan; Catherine Sewt; Molly Sweep; Samuel Elliott; Barry Hird; Leonard Conroy; Bede Wellard; Marie Perry; George Bonnell; Alice Frasyth; Petronella Vereyken; Kevin Conroy; Robert Robertson; Doug Pley; Bob Robertson; Robert Klein; Johannes Vereyken; Graham Porter; Sr. Marie Aquinas McNamara; Shirley McCulloch; Anne Gorsman; Sybil Neylon; Bernard Perkins; Kathleen Lowe; Ann Viney; James Lawson & Relatives; Stella Nelmes; Betty Costigan; Norman Mason

**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.**

**And for those who are ill:** Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; Jenny McGinniskin; David Henry; Pat Reidy; Dawn & Colin Graham; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnsedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; Joan Greenree; David Bonsey (Aunt Esther's Brother in law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

**Other Intentions:**

14/5/2022 R: B Press  
15/5/2022 R: D KerKlaan  
C:

### Flower/Altar Roster for May A Ward & C Burraston

Sun 8 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass on Sunday to Welcome Father & Mother's Day  
Mon 9 Mass on Monday's will be at 9.30am  
Thurs 12 CWL Meeting in the Parish Hall at 10.30am  
Sat 14 An Ecumenical Day of Quiet Contemplation St Pauls Church Hall Murrurundi 10.00am to 2.30pm contact mandywharton@yahoo.com 0401 373 481  
Wed 18 First Holy Communion Lessons begin in the Parish Hall at 3.50pm

### Coming Events

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



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 8th May 2022

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students, and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

### May 8 is also Mother's Day

"Every vocation to the priesthood comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother" (St Pius X)

**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 Brigid's



### Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Patroness of our Diocese of Armidale, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**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](mailto:chris@armidale.catholic.org.au) for more information or see the poster and flyers at the back of the church.**

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

**Planned Giving \$560.00 + \$56.00 = \$616.00**

**First Collection 130.00**

**Holy Land Collection \$514.40**

**Easter Dues \$735.00**



She hasn't heard from you in decades!

Friday 13th May at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral Armidale at 2.00pm. Solemn Final Profession of Vows for Sister Gemma Marie of the Sisters of the Immaculata. RSVP by ringing on 0406 372 608.

# Breaking Open the Word

persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** In 10:14  
**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** In 10:27-30  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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## HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Acts 13:14,43-52

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

# THE SAVING WORD



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3,5

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Apoc 7:9,14-17

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great