

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 13:34  
**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.*

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.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### HOMILY

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to

know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

#### PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

#### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 15:1, 5

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

##### GOD’S GLORY REVEALED AS GOD’S LOVE

It seems surprising that Jesus responds to Judas’ departure from the Last Supper with what is virtually a cry of exaltation: ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified’. Judas’ betrayal will trigger the sequence of events leading to Jesus’ death on the cross. In human understanding, such a death is the ultimate in shame and degradation; for Jesus it will be the moment of ‘glorification’.

To understand this, we have to appreciate the biblical sense of ‘glory’. No human being can see God. But the presence, power and character of the unseen God is to be seen in the created world and in saving events—as, for example, the deliverance of Israel from captivity in Egypt. Such things reveal God’s ‘glory’.

The Fourth Gospel makes clear that the glory of God, revealed in a terrifying and remote way to the Israelites on Mt Sinai, has been made manifest in the humanity of the Son (John 1:14). And, as the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation will occur as Jesus is ‘lifted up’ and dies on the cross. The crucifixion, while at one level the effect of human violence and treachery in unparalleled degree, is also his ‘glorification’ in that it supremely reveals the nature of God to be love (cf. 1 John 4:8, 16).

After Jesus’ death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have his physical presence to make the divine love palpable in their midst. His ‘new commandment’ is that their love for one another must henceforth take on this role.

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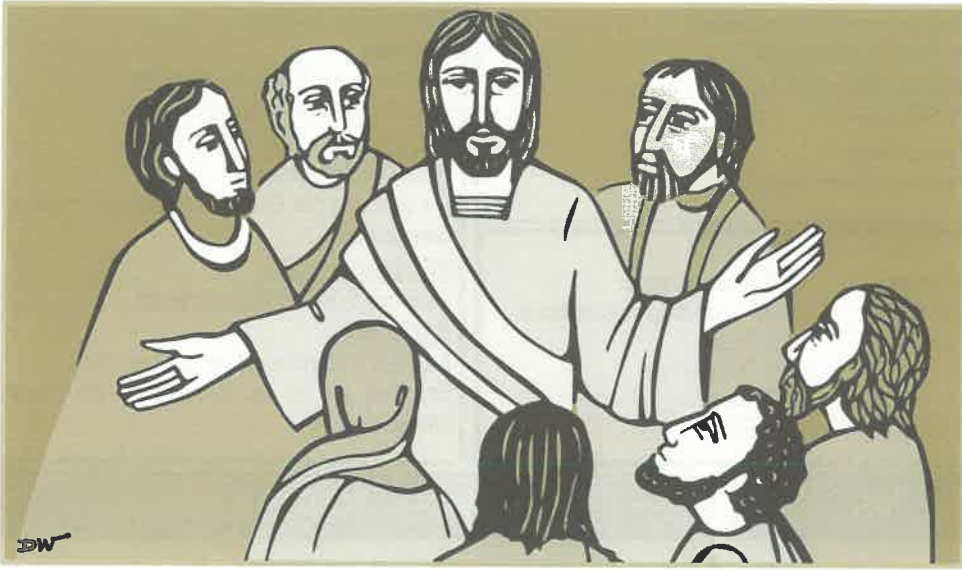
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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

19 MAY 2019



LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Today’s Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: ‘as I have loved you, you also must love one another’. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

##### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 97:1-2

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

##### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

##### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

##### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

##### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESP 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 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



# St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

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## MASS TIMES:

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 10am

### Weekday

Monday 9am Communion Service  
Tues-Fri 9am preceded by Rosary

### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Friday after 9am Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena,  
Benediction

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt

### BAPTISMS

Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.  
Enquires are to be directed to the Parish  
Office.

## FEASTDAYS

18th May -	St John	22nd May -	St Rita of Cascia
19th May -	5th Sunday of Easter	24th May -	Our Lady help of Christians
20th May -	St Bernadine of Siena	25th May -	St Bede
21st May -	St Christopher of Magallanes and Companions		St Gregory VII St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL:** This weekend we will be collecting for the annual Chaplaincy Sunday. Your donation goes towards prison Chaplaincy, Youth Justice, Health Care & HIV/AIDS Chaplaincy. Please donate so this wonderful work may continue

**'PLEDGE TO PRAY'** Is an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based on the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. Our Melbourne Vocations Office is inviting us to 'pledge a prayer' at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) for vocations in Australia particularly in the lead up to Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December 2019.

**THANKSGIVING:** Have you considered paying your Thanksgiving and Presbytery donation to St Agnes via direct debit or credit card? This reduces the work of the counters, decreases the risk of theft and administration costs. If, we, all increase our thanksgiving by a small amount, collectively it adds up to a larger amount. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

**ROSTERS:** the latest rosters is in the Church foyer for June & July please collect one.

The Parish is looking for volunteers to help with all Ministries. Please speak to Fr O'Reilly if you can help or contact the Parish office. All Volunteers need to have a W.W.C.

**ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE FOR YOUTH** is looking for a parishioner who can attend an information session on Wednesday 22 May at St Andrews Church, Clayton or Thursday 23 May at the Cathedral. Please contact Jake on 92875634 if you can assist.

**SOCIAL LUNCH:** The next Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on the 6th of June at the Highett R.S.L. All are welcome. Please contact Sybil on 9555 8336 for more information.

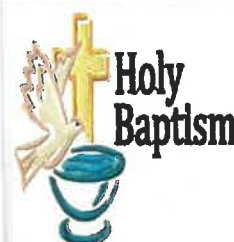
## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop P Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 2 June at 11:00am. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Registration closes Friday 24 May.

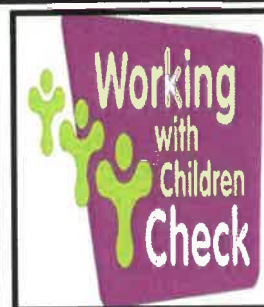
**HOMELESSNESS - WHAT CAN PARISHES DO?** The will be a forum on Saturday, 8 June 2019 at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne from 9.30am - 1.00 pm. The forum will focus on demonstrating practical ways participants can increase or renew support for homeless people in our communities. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, [Adrian.foley@css.org.au](mailto:Adrian.foley@css.org.au). Tel 0497 780 233.

### ST BEDE'S COLLEGE REUNION FROM 1969

Please join us for a special 50 year+ reunion for the classes of 1969 and before. This celebration of students who attended St Bede's College over 50 years ago will be on Friday 21st June at 11:30am in the function room. The cost is \$50 and it includes refreshments, a 3-course lunch and a glass of beer. Bookings on [www.trybookings.com/bayzz](http://www.trybookings.com/bayzz) or contact Jo Hynes on 9582 5999.



**Baptisms this Sunday**  
We welcome into the  
St Agnes Catholic Community  
**Sadie Stewart**  
& **William Alexander**  
**Karpathakis**  
Who will be Baptised this Sunday.



**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS**  
Thankyou to all the parishioners who have contacted the parish office and have either given a copy of their W.W.C / Police check details to us or have started the application process.

**We still have a lot of Parishioners** who volunteer in the parish but do not have their W.W.C and/or police check. If you are one of these volunteers please attend to your application ASAP. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**As a Parish we are committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them.**

### Guide of what is required: -

- ♦ Readers, Special Ministers & Overhead Operators require a **W.W.C.C.**
- ♦ Finance committee & Counters require both a **W.W.C.C** and a **Police Check**.
- ♦ Special Ministers who go to nursing homes require both a **W.W.C.C** and a **Police Check**.
- ♦ Flower arrangers required a **W.W.C.C.**
- ♦ Anyone who does general maintenance eg mowing, gardening around the church require a **W.W.C.C.**
- ♦ Volunteers in any capacity around the church require a **W.W.C.C.**
- ♦ To obtain a **W.W.C.C** go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)
- ♦ To obtain a Police Check please drop into the parish office to obtain a form.

If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply for **W.W.C.C** and a **Police Check** please drop into the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for volunteers. Thankyou.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus' actions are powerful, but they need some explanation. It comes in two forms. First, he says, "Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified." This statement means that in Jesus' actions we see the work of God. The Son of Man, in demonstrating such all-embracing and all-powerful love, is the manifestation and the reality of the very love of God. The ultimate expression and reality of God's love is when the Son of Man, who came not to condemn the world but so that through him the world might be saved, will make his ultimate, total and infinite act of love when he is lifted up on the cross. There is no possible fuller expression of God's love than this. The story does not end there, however. Jesus issues a commandment - for his disciples to love one another as he has loved us. But how can love be commanded? If love is only seen as emotional, then it cannot be commanded, but God's love is God's total commitment. When we love as Jesus has loved us - by total commitment to any and all children of God - we make God's love visible. We show ourselves to be Jesus' representatives on earth - his disciples.

### Summary

- ♦ Today's Gospel begins with a summary statement: "When Judas had gone..." Sometimes the shortest statements convey the most powerful messages.
- ♦ Jesus gave a new commandment to his disciples. He commanded them to love as he loved them. This love demands action and when our actions mirror those of Jesus, we make his love visible in our own world.

*The Living Word*

**Sick List -** Monica Harris, Bernard D'Souza  
**Recent Deaths -** Denzil D'Souza, Terrence Davern.



ROSTER		© = Nursing Home		
DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTER	OVERHEADS
18th May - Vigil	Rachel Pereira & Patricia Dwyer	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
19th May - 10am	Peter Hickey & Trish Hickey	Rita Gori, Helen Reece & Margaret Taylor © Rita Gori & Helen Reece	Group 3	Helen Reece
23rd May - Vigil	Natalie Cerovac, Lynn Lewis	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
24th May - 10am	Catherine Gill, Margaret Taylor (1st Reading)	2 Volunteers please Antoinette Cesario © 2 Volunteer's please	Group 4	Emilka Paplinski