

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master’s business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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5 MAY 2024

THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an edited story of the encounter of Peter and Cornelius. It is worth reading the full episode of Chapter 10. What we have is enough to relate the momentous occasion when Peter, a Jew, enters the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. This is significant of itself, laying aside any impropriety. More than this, Peter declares that God shows no partiality. It doesn't matter whether Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Simultaneously with Peter speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all the audience, Jews and Gentiles alike.

In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, remain in my love.' This invitation to abide or remain in God's love opens the command to love one another which is ever more poignant in light of the inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer servants, indicating the closeness of their relationship, their walking together and their collaboration in the work of Jesus. Yet we know even today there are barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also acknowledges but urges us to find a way forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love' could be our mantra so the love of God is enacted to everyone we meet. How can we seek to be inclusive of all who seek God? How do we develop our ecumenical relationships and outreach to all those whom God desires to be welcomed?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (or Alleluia!)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people,

let us love one another

since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14: 23

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

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



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MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>4/5 May</u>	<u>11/12 May</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	4 May	11 May
Reader	Julie Fleming	Daniel Mercovich
Eucharist Minister	Paul Fleming	Amy Leahy
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	4 May	11 May
Reader	Marg Fleischmann	Rianne Emmanuel
Eucharist Minister	Velia Barro	Sr. Anne
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	5 May	12 May
Reader	Justine Sapiano	Lucas Carroll
Eucharist Minister	Lance Phillips	Justine Sapiano
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	5 May	12 May
Reader	Evelyn Robertson	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Chris Banon	Mary McGowan
PowerPoint	Tracey Brincat	Patrick Hutchinson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	5 May	12 May
Reader	Ian Pirie	Michael Bourne
Eucharist Minister	Christine Dodd	Leonie Dunlop
PowerPoint	Kathy Curry	Ian Pirie
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Ann Harrigan	Jeannette Jain
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Leonie Dunlop	Arthur Donovan
	Rose Rich	
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Carol Messer & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Charles Meier, Mabel Margaret Stute, Margaret M^oKenna, John M^oKenna, Cath Pendergast, Ellen Laffan, Eileen Fennell, Peggy Hinchcliffe, John J Sullivan, Fiorino Costantin and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Bert Rennie and Kevin McLaughlin.

Sun 17th Mar: Pray for the souls of Maureen Fraser & Mona Robson.

Sun 17th Mar: Pray for the soul of Amanda Minniti.

Sun 17th Mar: Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.

Mon 18th Mar: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Tue 19th Mar: Pray for the for the intentions of Lorraine Nagle.

Wed 20th Mar: Pray for the good health of Agnes Cutinha.

Thu 21st Mar: Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.



First Term at Assumption College

One of the great joys of first term at Assumption College is the process of induction into the College community that we do with our new Year 7 students. We title the first semester classes 'Quaere', a Latin word from our College Motto, Quae Supra Quaere (Seek the Things that are Above), that means 'Seek'. Not only is it the attitude of enquiry that we want all our students to approach their academic study, but it is a fundamental approach to life that we hope distinguishes all our students, especially to the deeper, spiritual realities that St Paul refers to in his letter to the Colossians.

All our Quaere Religious Education classes are introduced to Marcellin Champagnat, the Marist Story and how they came from Southern France to the town of Kilmore, and the Marist Charism, especially our 5 key Marist values of Simplicity, Presence, Family Spirit, Love of Work and In the Way of Mary. They also do a 'pilgrimage' around the grounds of the College where they are introduced to our sacred icons and spaces, each with their own story and importance. This walk has a strong Marist and Marian theme as we stop at the variety of images of Mary that permeate the place, and visit buildings named after key Marist Brothers and places of significance in the life of Marcellin. This pilgrimage also includes an experience of St Patrick's Church where the students are invited to complete in prayerful silence the labyrinth walk in the Church grounds.

The highlight of this term from a Religious Education perspective for our Year 7 students is welcoming them for the first time to our beautiful Le Rosey Chapel which symbolically stands at the heart of the College and holds the sacred stories and images that give Assumption its identity. Students follow the 'Water from the Rock' sculpture into the Chapel, past the holy water font to reflect on the Altar, Crucifix, Lectern, Book of the Gospels and Tabernacle at the front of the Chapel.

Students are also given the opportunity to look around them and be overcome by the beauty and mystery of the place. There are 2 images that always capture their attention.

One is the grand image of the last supper that hangs on one wall. What makes this painting unique is the artists use of 12 Assumption students to represent the 12 apostles, calling all our students to be Jesus' modern-day disciples. Also, connecting our Christian foundations with our Marist story, the Last Supper table is the historical La Valla Table that Marcellin build and around which he and the earliest Marist brothers gathers at the end of the day to eat, pray and tell their stories.

The second set of images that capture the student's imagination is the collection of Stained Glass windows around the remaining 3 walls. These represent Summer and Creation; Autumn and Jesus' death upon the Cross; and Spring and the new life represented by the water that Symbolically flows from the Holy Water font out the doors, over the rocks into the College and the world beyond.

Paul Reed—Mission Leader, Assumption College

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Home visits from Sr. Anne

Sr Anne has been with us for 4 months and now that you know her, Sr Anne has offered to start visiting parish families in their homes. If you wish to have a visit from Sr. Anne, please email Yen.Phung@cam.org.au or call the parish office on 5782 1084. Thank you

ROSARY—The next Rosary will be held at Kate Archer's house, 12 Andrew Street, Kilmore at 1pm on Wednesday 8th May. All are welcome!

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by 30th June to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com

Pray the World Mission Rosary: Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May at 2pm, and invite friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in. Join Zoom Meeting <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer> Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280, Password: 876574