



ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Thanksgiving Total = \$1847.00

Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Paul's Primary school who will make there First Communion next weekend. May the Lord bless them all at this special time, Please keep them in your prayers.

A big thank you for all who supported the flower stall, your generosity raised \$915.00. Our fundraising is to achieve goals needed in our parish which will be announced later.

The new Pastoral Council Team will meet Wednesday at 7.00pm.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal - Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

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WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Ruby Hurt, Sonia, Agnes Bonner, John Bennet, Steven Martin, Anne Martin, Mazrie Edwards, **Recently Deceased:** Jason Micallef, Pauline Vella, Apolinario Bunda, Carolina Muscat, Steven Tot, Trinidad Napoles, Rita Buhagiar, Angelo Raffaele, **Anniversaries:** Dora Mercieca, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 15th May 2022)

Saturday 14th/15th May Baptism: Hushaely Le, Allison Nucaza, Matilda Ponce Rios

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja, Calleja & Grima families, + Vince Vella, + Maria Cutajar, Carmela Cauchi, Victoria Grima, + Daisy Ahtuam

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + Nicola Bartolotta & Family

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Sylvia Pace, + Emmanuel Fenech
50th Wedding Blessing for Louis & Nancy Cheny

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 16th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 17th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 18th May

8.00am English Mass + Mary Calleja, Calleja & Grima families,

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 19th May

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

2.00pm Benlynne

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 20th May

8.00am English Mass + Freddy Brockdorff

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

Saturday 21st/22nd May Baptism: Marietta Sakaria

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Sacrament of Eucharist - St Paul's Primary School

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja, Calleja & Grima families,

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass



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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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

15 MAY 2022

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.

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

