



# St Mary's Parish

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**5th Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**24 April 2016**

## 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

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- 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.)*
- 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.)*
- Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Rv 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.*

## 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

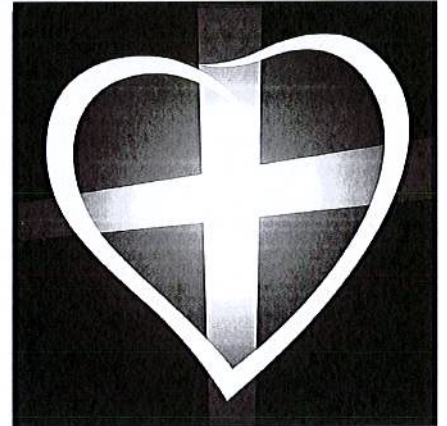
*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John*

*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*



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples - and us - that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

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*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra people.*

**Country Mass Schedule**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
<b>Macarthur</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER**

1st May NO SERVICE  
 8th May 2016

Lector	Coleen Page
Leader	
Prayers	St Joseph School
Special Minister	Brendan Kelly
Gifts	St Joseph School

**Parish Collections**

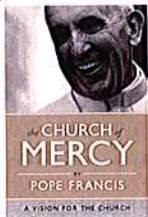
Pledged: \$108,779  
 Stewardship: \$88,670  
 Priest Support: \$788

**Weekend counters :**  
 I Ferguson & L Stevens  
**Next w/end counters:**  
 V&F O'Brien, G McGrath

This Weekend Ministers of Communion	
6 pm	Z Celewych, T Grove & B Kaaye
10.30am	M Bell, D Brody, R Taylor, G Howell & S Fitzgerald

**Church Cleaning MAY**  
 Sandra McCaskill, Kath Mulley,  
 Margaret Callaway & Anna Onderwater.

	Hamilton: Sat. 30th April @ 6pm	Hamilton Sun. 1st May @ 10.30am
welcome	J Schurmann & K Shanahan	Bridget Campbell
Commentator	Annette Mason	Chelsea Storer
1st Reader	David Lynch	Bev Kaaye
2nd Reader	Riley Fitzgerald	Charlotte Stanhope
Power Point	Chris Jansen	Felicity Shaw
Offertory	M McGrath & P Murphy	Felicity & Oscar
Eucharist	J Ryan, M Walter & P Fallon	R Fitzgerald, A Campbell, C Stanhope & S Fitzgerald



“Let the risen Jesus enter your life—welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.”  
 — Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

**Weekday Mass or SAWC**

Tue, Wed, Thurs. & Friday @ 10am  
 St Mary's Parish Hamilton Day Chapel.  
**All Welcome!**

**Wednesday Meet Up**  
**A Casual Cuppa & Chat,**  
**All Welcome!**



Every Wednesday during school Terms  
 Dunworth Centre @ 9:30-11.30am  
 \$2 per family Great kids play-







St Mary's Parish

Hamilton

July 30th & 31st 2016

Celebrating 150 Years of Church Life  
at St Mary's Hamilton

Celebration Dinner, Ceremonial Mass, History, Tours.

Aug 13th & 14th, 2016

St Mary's Parish, Reaching Out In Faith!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**DEATHS:**

Brian Russell (Val Lovell's brother)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Norma Gousse, William Scullion, Debra Jones,  
Brian Hodges, John Cogger, Paul Betschart, Leslie Cordy,  
Beronica McNeil, David Sharrock, Helen Boyle,  
Maureen Blake, Trevor Stevens, Harry Brownlee,  
Maisie Goldstraw

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Val Carter, Claire Kinnane, Marg Lane,  
Connie McArthur, Heather Boyd,  
Kerryn McCluggage, Bernadette Smith.



**ANZAC DAY  
MONDAY 25TH APRIL  
St Mary's Parish Hamilton  
Mass 9am.**

Dawn service at the Melville Oval Cenotaph at 6:30am. March starts at the corner of Kennedy and Grey Streets at 10:15am, making its way to the Cenotaph for a service at 11am.



**WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

Cath News - [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

[www.youngcatholicmums.com](http://www.youngcatholicmums.com)

Fr John McKinnon - [www.johnmckinnon.org](http://www.johnmckinnon.org)

**St Mary's Parish MEMORIES**

This is an invitation to all parishioners to add to a MEMORIES display for the weekend of the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish celebrations. I am collecting stories and/or anecdotes about your time in St Mary's Parish to print up for a display, just 200 words or so. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the chats so far there are some great stories. If you would like to be a part of this and see yourself in print, please contact me on 0438531651 any time.

Noreen McLeish

**FEASTS DAYS**

Mon. 25th— Anzac Day

Tue. 26th— St Mark Evangelist

Thur. 28th— St Peter Chanel

Fri. 29th— St Catherine of Siena

**BULLETIN NOTES**

- **Rosary** every Sunday night @ 7pm.
- **Meditation** meets each Wed. 7.30-8.30pm at parish house. All Welcome

**PRAYER**

O God of infinite glory,  
to our unclean lips  
and faltering hands  
you entrust the responsibility  
of bearing to all the proclamation  
of the gospel.

Sustain us with your Spirit,  
that through our witness  
your word may find an eager  
welcome in every heart  
and bear a rich harvest  
in every corner of the world.

We ask this through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

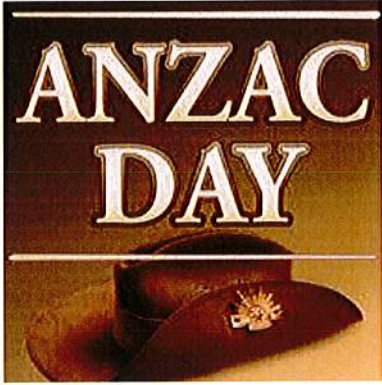
**Amen.**

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God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.



We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

