



5th Sunday of Easter - Year C 14th & 15th May 2022

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Temporary Changes to Weekly Masses

As there will be supply priests assisting us over the next few weeks we have to make a few minor changes to the weekly mass schedule. Please be aware that:

- **There will be no Saturday 9am Mass**
- **There will be no Novena, Rosary and Benediction on Wednesdays.**

We hope that these changes will only be until the end of the month however we will keep make parishioners aware of any updates.

Seniors Social Functions Are Back!! All Welcome

We would love to see you at our next Senior Social Function. There will be a monthly night function and a monthly lunch function held in the hope that this suits more parishioners. These will be a regular occurrence each month and are a perfect opportunity for you to enjoy the company of some fellow parishioners.



The May outings will be held at **Box Hill RSL Bistro**. The dates and times are:

- Seniors Social Dinner - Tuesday 17th May - 7pm
- Seniors Social Lunch - Wednesday 18th May - 12.45pm

All are welcome. If you require transport, please contact the parish office on 9808 1006.



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11th May
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Saturday 21st May: 10:00am - 3:00pm
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25th May

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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2022

Monday 16 May 2022

07.30pm Vinnies Meeting

Tuesday 17 May 2022

09.00am Mass and Adoration/Rosary
07.30pm Praise and Worship/Prayer Group - GA
07.30pm 1st Eucharist Family Faith Night - School

Wednesday 18 May 2022

11.00am Mass
01.00pm Legion of Mary

Thursday 19 May 2022

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Friday 20 May 2022

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 21 May 2022

09.00am **NO** Mass/Confessionion
11.00am Baptism of Xavier Muscara
05.30pm Mass

Sunday 22 May 2022

09.00am Mass - Morning Tea after Mass - GA
10.00am 1st Eucharist Program - Lesson 3
11.00am Mass
05.30pm Mass

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Pat Nitz, Peter Smyth, Kathleen Barr, Rachel Bransby, Patricia Simpson, Frances Murray, Marian & Stephen McQuinn, John Anderson, Bernice Collins, Raymond Anderson, Rae Barrett, Lynn Fleming, Will Coghlan, Geoffrey Jones, Nancye Simpson, Chris Roberts, Sarah Narajowski, Barbara Walters

Anniversary

Kathleen Torpy

Recently Deceased

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are now due back. Please put your boxes either on the collection plate or hand them back into the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity.



Fr Think's New Contact Details

A number of parishioners have requested Fr Think's new contact details. Fr Think can be contacted at:

Fr Think Nguyen
Ministry to Priests
199 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, Vic, 3053
Ph: 9412 8400



Safeguarding Check

Don't forget if you volunteer in the Parish the office must have a copy of your:

- Working with Children Check
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Vaccination Status

Please contact the Parish Office for further information or for us to assist you with this process.

Help Required - Special Ministers

We are looking for volunteers to help as Special Ministers for the 11am Sunday Mass. The commitment would be to serve as a special minister once per month on a rotating roster. As a volunteer of the parish you must be vaccinated, have a Working with Children Check and sign the Code of Conduct. If you are able to assist in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Helpers needed

We are currently looking for one - two more volunteers for the Level I Atrium on a Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. CGS is a Montessori approach to Religious Formation for children ages 3-12yrs old. If you are able to assist and you have a double vax certificate and a working with children check, please contact the parish office on 9808 1006. No experience is necessary, all are welcome! Thank you.

St Scholastica's acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations.

ROSTERS		
Mass Time	3rd Sunday of the Month 14/15 May 2022	
	Readers/Musician	Special Ministers
Sat 5.30pm	Stephanie Rozario Pauline	Franklin Rozario Melan
Sun 9.00am	Sylvia Chua Judy	Daniel Leong Dominic Coniglio
Sun 11.00am	Clare Gately Sumo	Willard Lewis Tam Pham
Sun 5.30pm	Geetha Jayasuriya Henry	Monika Vidot Marie Serophim

ROSTERS		
Mass Time	4th Sunday of the Month 21/22 May 2022	
	Readers/Musician	Special Ministers
Sat 5.30pm	Rachel Cordeiro Pauline	Judith Silvina Hung Tran
Sun 9.00am	Laurine Shane Judy	Laurine Shane Anna Gaetano
Sun 11.00am	Ranali Perera Dennis Y	Barbara Schobben Willard Lewis
Sun 5.30pm	Kristin Jabay Sean	Monika Vidot Michael Chan

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NOTICEBOARD

Baptism at St Scholastica's

It is a requirement of the parish that a Baptism information night must be attended prior to having your child baptised. Contact the parish office on 9808 1006 to make a booking into one of the monthly sessions. Next session: **Thursday 2nd June 2022** at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

Thanksgiving Program - Ways to contribute

- Envelopes (weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly)
- Credit cards
- Direct debits (set up by the parish office)
- Direct deposits to the parish account details can be found below.

Account Name: St Scholastica's Parish
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Reference: **Please use Envelope number**

You can set up your direct deposit or credit card contributions yourself. Please always use your envelope number. Or Amelia and Dominique can assist with this. Please pop in to see us, send us an email or call us, lots of ways to help you out.

When receiving your new credit card please contact us with the new details if you wish to continue to contribute. We are thankful for all the support you give our parish especially during these challenging times.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - Positions Vacant

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Communications Administration Support Officer, Communications Office – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)
- Senior Content Producer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)
- Creatives Officer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)
- Digital Communications Officer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)
- Retail Shop Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral – (East Melbourne/Part time)
- Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral – (East Melbourne/Part time)
- Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor
- Personal Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava
- Stewardship Coordinator, Bayside
- Parish Secretary, Preston East
- Assistant Sacristan - St Patricks Cathedral, East Melbourne
- Parish Finance Officer, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

Mass Details: Sunday 22 May, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Quote of the week

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." *St. Faustina*

Joke of the week

One Sunday a priest was finishing up a series on marriage. At the end of the service, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment, and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said: "You'd better give me five crosses."

Inspiring Story

Mother Teresa's love: One day, as St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) and her Missionaries of Charity were tending to the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta, they happened across a man lying in the gutter, very near death. He was filthy, dressed in little more than a rag and flies swarmed around his body. Immediately, Mother Teresa lovingly lifted him up, cleaned his body, spoke to him softly and laid him comfortably in her ambulance. A passerby was repulsed by the sight of the man and exclaimed to Mother Teresa, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Her response was immediate, "Neither would I!" — She demonstrated the type of love that Jesus wants from Christians.

From today's Acts reading:

"They strengthened the spirits of the disciples, and exhorted them to persevere in the faith..."

Reflection:

That same Spirit that strengthened and brought new followers to the early church continues to "strengthen the spirits of the disciples" through spirit-filled preachers, teachers, musicians, lectors, parents, theologians etc.

So, we ask ourselves

- Can you name a few Spirit-filled disciples in your worshipping community and give thanks to God at today's Eucharistic celebration for them?
- Would you personally thank them for the witness they give to presence of the Holy Spirit with the Church?

St Scholastica's Parish is committed to creating a child safe culture that safeguards children and young people including the safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children and young people, children and young people with a disability, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



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*Pray for
the Unborn*



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**5th Sunday of Easter Year C -
14/15 May 2022**

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.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.



**6th Sunday of Easter
Year C
21 & 22 May 2022**

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29
Second Reading: Rv Rv 21:10-14, 22-
23
Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Scripture Commentary for 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

The short sequence that makes up the Gospel for today (John 13:31-35) follows immediately upon Jesus' prediction at the Last Supper that Judas will betray him. It may seem surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure on his treacherous errand with what amounts almost to a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.' The two matters are, however, closely – even causally – connected. Judas' act of betrayal will trigger the sequence of events that will culminate in Jesus' public execution upon a cross. In everyday understanding such an end to a human life would be the ultimate in shame and degradation. In the perspective of the Fourth Gospel, however, it represents the 'glorification' of Jesus – and the glorification of the Father whose will lies behind everything that happens to him.

To understand this we have to appreciate the way in which 'glory' (Greek *doxa*) functions in the Fourth Gospel and in the biblical tradition that lies behind it. According to that tradition no human being can see God and live (cf. John 1:18). But the created world and certain remarkable events display the presence, power, and character of the unseen God. In this sense they manifest God's 'glory'. The most striking example of God's glory in the Old Testament is the pillar of cloud (that became at night a pillar of fire) which accompanied the Israelites at the time of their exodus from Egypt and years of subsequent wandering in the wilderness of Sinai (Exod 13:21; 40:34).

In the Fourth Gospel, as the Prologue (1:1-18) makes clear, the glory of God, revealed in this terrifying and remote way to the Israelites, has now been made manifest in the human flesh of Jesus: 'And the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, the fullness of a gift that is truth' (1:14).

As the drama of the gospel proceeds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation of divine glory in the human flesh of Jesus will come about as he is 'lifted up' and dies upon the cross. This death – at one level a work of human violence and treachery in extreme degree – represents at a deeper level the free outpouring of divine love for the human race. Jesus 'glorifies' God in death in that he reveals the very being of God to be love (1 John 4:7, 16), becomes 'transparent', as it were, to the divine love (John 3:16). The retrospective ('has been glorified') and prospective ('will glorify') statements of Jesus in the gospel encompass a total process whereby both in his human life up till this and now, climactically, in his imminent death, God will be revealed as love.

The 'new commandment' given to the disciples – that they are to love one another, 'just as I have loved you' – flows essentially from this. It is 'new' in the sense that it is called for by the new set of circumstances that is fast approaching. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own, equally palpable, love for one another must instead take on this role. If this high requirement is fulfilled, if they do indeed love one another after the pattern he has set, then this will signal to outsiders that they are truly his disciples.

As so often, then, in this Fourth Gospel, we have in the community's understanding of itself the full sweep, so to speak, of Incarnation: the love which the members experience from one another, is an extension of the love they have received from Jesus, which is itself an extension of the divine love, reaching out to share eternal life with the world.

The Second Reading, from the Apocalypse, 21:1-5, depicts the sense of divine presence in the community in a very different but complementary way. God's work of redemption, something which continues until the final triumph of the Lamb, represents a 'new creation': new heaven, new earth and new city of Jerusalem (the community) in which God will be 'at home' with God's people. What is presented is a glimpse of a future reality. But the depiction of it as 'descending' from heaven communicates the sense that its realisation is already under way here and now: the life of the present toiling, suffering and struggling community is indeed the 'new creation'. On a more historical level, the First Reading, from Acts 14:21-27, describes a further stage of the expansion of the community as Paul and Barnabas consolidate the mission to the Gentiles and bring back a report on this to their base church at Antioch.

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Since returning from graduate studies in Oxford in 1977, Brendan Byrne has been Professor of New Testament at Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia, of which he was Principal (1992-97). He was Rector of Campion College, Kew (1979-84) and a delegate to the 33rd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus in 1983. He was a visiting professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, in 1993 and has also taught in East Asia and East Africa. He was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome) (1990-96) and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity (2000-01). He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1999. Brendan Byrne is the author of nine books, edits the theological journal *Pacifica* and regularly gives workshops on scripture to clergy and parish communities.