

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



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Go Make Disciples,**  
**The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**



### Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased :** Jela (Jean) Bakusic, Heather Elizabeth Matchet, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

**Deceased:** Agnes Brisbane.

**Anniversary:** Brent Baker, Andy Couch, Peter Mills, Lilian Hinks, and Carmel Donovan.

**The Sick:** Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Metilda and Jacintha Mary, Fran Evans and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying,

### Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Fr John is away, Thank you to the MSC's and Fr Paul for helping out  
 9am Mass - Livestreamed

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME

**Funeral for the late Jela (Jean) Bakusic—St Andrew's, Friday 20 May, 10.00am.**



Greetings to all parishioners & visitors of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew and St Agnes, Malabar—Matraville.

The news is quite grim, it is formally official, that I have become positive!!! I always thought I was a positive person, but I am meaning, I have sadly tested positive to the Covid Virus together with so many of our parish and beyond. The good news is that I am feeling quite well and hope to be back some time next week.

In concern with this weekend, I am very grateful at such late notice to Monsignor Kerry Bayada who will celebrate our 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Malabar and Monsignor Vince Redden who will celebrate our 9am Sunday Mass at Malabar. We are always grateful to Fr Paul for his service, who will celebrate at our Matraville masses, Vigil Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10am with three baptisms in the 10am Mass. Also, we will be once again asking at all our weekend masses, at both Parishes, for those students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to commit to the program. Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this last Sacrament of initiation. I hope and pray that they will understand the wonderful gift of Confirmation, that is going to be given to them — the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit, can you remember them? Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Fear of the Lord and Piety. To this end at our Parish Confirmation Retreat day for all candidates from our State and Catholic schools on 1 June at St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Matraville 9am - 2.45pm we will continue to learn about these gifts.

Next weekend I will be away for my cousin's wedding and I am grateful for the MSC priests and Fr Paul for covering Masses.

God bless you all and thank you for your concern with this virus.

**Fr John**

The Actor in the Photo is Todd McKenny famous actor and Judge (Dancing with the Stars)



**CWF Appeal Sincere thanks to all who contributed recently.** If you could not contribute then please be generous today. **CWF donations are 100% tax-deductible.** Charitable Works Fund supports social, charitable & pastoral works in the Archdiocese.

**Confirmation classes** for those not attending St Andrew's of St Agnes' will commence Wed, 18 May, 4pm at St Andrew's Parish Meeting Rooms.



We welcome **Gian Aquino, Maximus Behan, and Isabelle Keen** into our Parish Community who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 15 May 2022 at St Agnes'.

**Thank you to the RJC Group for the professional stonework completed at both Parishes**

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.