



5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

14/15 May, 2022

Acts 14:21-27

The disciples show immense courage in returning to areas where they were persecuted in the past. They wanted to return to bring faith and hope to the people of the area.

Next week:

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Revelation 21:1-5a

The old world has passed away and a new heaven and a new earth will banish all sorrow.

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

At this crucial moment before Jesus is glorified on the cross, he prepares his disciples for this reality and commands them to love one another.

Universal Prayers

- 1 For leaders in the Church who are arguing over unimportant things. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 2 For people who hunger to be rescued from the grip of addiction. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 3 For leaders in the world who are seeking to end political violence. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 4 For activists who uphold human rights in every land of oppression. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 5 For caretakers of the dying who guard their dignity and preserve their freedom. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 6 For members of this Church who live their faith outside of the Church doors. Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir News

Parish Choir practice each **Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. at St Thomas Aquinas Church.** All welcome.

CATHFAMILY

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids cathfamily.org/activities/

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Monday	7.30 a.m. Communion Service The Hermitage, Mittagong	
Tuesday	8.00 am Mass	Bowral
Wednesday	8.00 am Mass	Bowral
Thursday	8.00 am Mass	Bowral
Friday	8.00 am Mass	Bowral

Adoration

Wednesday 25 May, 2022 @ 8.30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday 18 May, 2022 @ 6.00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Please remember in your Prayers

Fr John Whitty, Flora Fisk,
Rick Sakar, Molly Luck

Saturday	14 May	Kathy Roper
Sunday	15 May	Roy Dickson
Sunday	15 May	Branko Tudjman
Tuesday	17 May	Special Intention
Wednesday	18 May	Francis George Seymour
Thursday	19 May	Raymond Chegwyn
Friday	20 May	Frank & Gloria Carlon



17.05.2022	6.00 p.m.	Scripture Study – Parish Hall
21.05.2022	2.00 p.m.	Confirmation St Thomas Aquinas Church
22.05.2022	4.00 p.m.	Solemn Vespers & Benediction St Thomas Aquinas Church
19.06.2022	12.00 noon	Parish Feast Day Lunch
26.06.2022	All Weekend	Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Discovering God's Plan for our Lives: Vocations Event

You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including an expert panel, addressing all 4 Vocations, with the opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to hear, discern and respond to God's call in our lives. There will be more details in coming weeks but to book your spot:-

DATE: Sunday 19 June
TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start
PLACE: Xavier Centre, next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong,
RSVP: www.dow.org.au/events

Feast Day Feast

Book now for our Parish lunch on the Feast of Corpus Christi, this year 19 June.

\$20 per person all inclusive (\$10 for children under 12).
To book, please visit the Parish or confirm your booking (with payment and contact details) in an envelope and place in the collection plate at Mass.



The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback.

The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report will be made publicly available in coming weeks. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will meet next Monday 16th May 2022 at 0.30am in the Parish Hall.

All ladies are welcome to join us for a relaxed, prayerful and friendly meeting followed by morning tea.

Contact: Robyn Miller
0419 977 187.



The Hermitage A Place of Spirituality and Prayer

The 2022 Twilight Gatherings for adults will focus on 'Nurturing Hope and Love in Changing and Uncertain Times' and provide the opportunity for you to experience a time of prayer and reflection in the tranquil environment of The Hermitage, Mittagong.

Facilitated: by Br Bill Sullivan and Suz Marden

Winter and Spring Dates: Thursday 26 May, 16 June, 21 July, 11 August, 1 September, 13 October, 10 November

Commencing at 4 pm and concluding before 6pm

Cost: \$15.00

Registration is essential prior to the date by contacting The Hermitage on: 48721911 during business hours 8:30am-4:00pm or via email: office@thehermitage.org.au

A Reading From The Homilies Of St. Augustine On St. John's Gospel

The Lord Jesus declared that he was giving the disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another. "A new commandment," he said, "I give to you, that you love one another."

The commandment was already expressed in God's Old Law, which contained the words: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Why then does the Lord call it a new commandment, seeing that is evidently so old? Is it a new commandment inasmuch as it strips away the old person and clothes us in the new? Is it true that love renews those who hear, or rather those who obey; but not any love, only the love which the Lord distinguished from natural love by adding the words: "As I have loved you."

Such love renews us; we become new people, heirs of the new testament, singers of a new song. This love, dear friends, even in days gone by, renewed the holy people of old, the patriarchs and the prophets. So too in later times it renewed the Apostles, and now it renews the Gentiles. From the whole human race all over the world it creates and gathers together a new people, the body of the new bride of the only-begotten Son of God.

Accordingly, all her members are concerned for one another; if one member suffers, all the members suffer; if one member is glorified, all members rejoice. For they hear the Lord's words and keep them: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;" not as people love only to spoil one another, not as human beings love one another simply because they are human, but as people love one another because they are all gods and sons and daughters of the Most High, and so brothers and sisters of his only Son. They love one another with the love with which he loved them so much that he will lead them to the end which will bring them fulfillment and the true satisfaction of their desires. For when God is all in all, no desire will be left unfulfilled.

This love is given to us by the one who said: "As I have loved you, so do you also love one another." He loved us, then, so that we might love one another. By loving us, he has bound us together by mutual love, and by joining the members together in this gentle bond, he has made us the body of which he is the noble head.

