

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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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In John's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his death and departure from them.

Today's Gospel offers his final testimony to them about his relationship to God and final words that sum up his teaching legacy. Jesus will be glorified by God, even despite the indignation and suffering that await. Jesus will also 'glorify' God. His life and death reveal God's presence. The way that John portrays this in the story of Jesus' passion, death and glorification, we have already heard in John's Gospel proclaimed on Good Friday.

The second part of today's proclamation characterises Jesus followers throughout history: They ('we') are to love one another as Jesus loved: with humility, commitment, and selflessly. This style of living, typical of authentic discipleship, is so needed today in a world in which the selfish and great power-mongers seem to have the upper hand. The style of humble loving discipleship is what will change the world.

The Gospel's final words ('By this love you have for one another....') affirm this. They also shape the style of discipleship that frames local faith communities and parishes: Genuine love of one another, reflective of the spirit and heart of the kind of love that Jesus emulated for his disciples, will have its influence on the world. It will especially affect those seeking a faith nourishing community.

Fr Michael Trainor

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.**

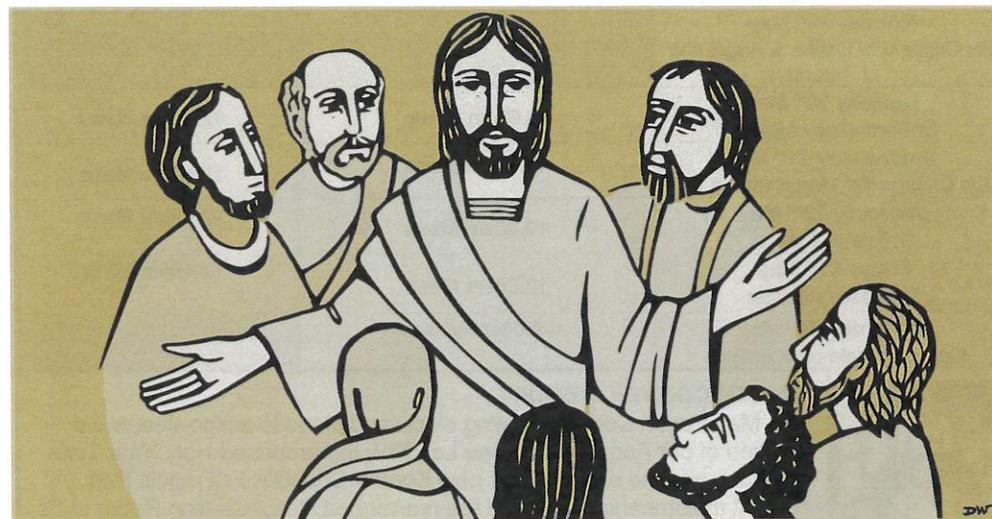
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

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 voice call from the throne, 'You see this city?'





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5th Sunday of Easter 18 May 2025)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Steffy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Steffy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 18th May 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 17th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 18th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 19th May Bl's Clement of Osimo & Augustine of Tarano		
Tuesday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 21st May Sts Christopher Magallanes & Co	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 22nd May St Rita of Cascia	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 23rd May 5 th Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 24th May Our Lady Help of Christians	9.00am Mass	

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The May Parish Council meeting discussed plans to acknowledge the election of our Augustinian Pope Leo XIV, the proposed Holy Year Time Capsule, and the arrival of our new Korean Chaplain Fr Francis Park. Recent maintenance work and the rearranged Reconciliation Room at St Joseph's and the renewal of the SJOS lease were also highlighted.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Liturgy Committee: Thursday 22nd May
- ▶ Children's Liturgy: Sun 25 May 10.30am
- ▶ Morning Tea: Sun 25 May St Joseph's
- ▶ Coffee after STA Mass: Sun 25 May

AUGUSTINE – ON THE KEYS OF PETER



"It is not without reason that, among all the Apostles, it is Peter who represents the Catholic Church. For the keys of the kingdom of heaven were

given to this Church when they were given to Peter. And when it was said to him, it was said to all: "Do you love me? Feed my sheep." We see that pardon was granted to Peter, who represents the Church, and that, having made amends and become strong in virtue, he reached the glorious goal of suffering like our Lord. Those who fail to recognize in Peter the "rock," lose possession of the keys; they are unwilling to believe that the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given to the Church. (On Christian Combat.)

FR FRANCIS PARK OSA



Fr Francis Park OSA arrives in our parish community this weekend to serve as chaplain to the Korean Catholic community at Mount Waverley and Caroline Springs. We extend a warm welcome.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

Copies available in churches this weekend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Tom O'Neill, Florencio Pineda.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

✦ Francisco Almeida

Anniversaries

- ✦ Peter Dennis
- ✦ Cecelia Chung
- ✦ Carmine & Celestina Iaconese
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Marie Chung
- ✦ Graeme Phillips
- ✦ Len Stainsby

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS



Join us for coffee at The Botanical Hotel after mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 25th May. All welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY

All families with young children are invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass next Sunday 25th May to join in the Children's Liturgy.

MORNING TEA AT ST JOSEPH'S

All parishioners are welcome to join us for morning tea in the coffee room after 10.30am Mass next Sunday 25th May

PARISH BAPTISMS

The parish congratulates the family of Lillian Tucek who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



SJOS & University of Melbourne, Strive are offering free health assessments 2-5pm and a CPR workshop at 2pm in the

Coffee Room this Sat & Sun 18/19 May. Come along and feel free to bring a friend.

MASS COLLECTIONS 11/05/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$1006.20
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 381.50
Envelopes.....	\$ 245.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	810.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 270.00
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