



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, Tuesday to Friday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

27th & 28th April 2024

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!(R.)

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.....(R.)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'(R.)

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

No	From	Intention
1	Anonymous	Souls in Purgatory
2		Sick members of Parish Community
3	Coral Russotti	Alf & Myrtle Wilton – Anniversary of Death
4	Vergano's	Niroshan Cooray – Anniversary of Death
5	Jenny Woods	Ted Biefeld – Anniversary of birthday

Announcements

1. **Baptism info / preparation monthly date** – Second Wednesday of the month. Time: 5:30pm. In Dineen Room.
2. **52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass** - A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish. Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass.

The Regina caeli is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide

Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Events		
May		
Sat 11th May	Children Mass	6:00pm
Fri 24 th May	Bundaleer Mass	11:00am
Tues 28 th May	PPC Meeting	5:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Feast Day	Readings	Colour
Mon 29 th Apr	St Catherine of Siena	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	White
Tues 30 th Apr		Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31	White
Wed 1 st May		Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	White
Thurs 2 nd May	St Athanasius	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11	White
Fri 3 rd May	Sts Philip and James	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14	Red
Sat 4 th May		Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	White

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

LITURGY ROSTER
4TH & 5TH MAY 2024
SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Natalie Dy
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Brad Vergano
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11TH & 12TH MAY 2024
SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Children's Mass
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Peter Murphy
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18TH & 19TH MAY 2024
SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Gemma Fletcher
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Debbie Fear
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CHURCH CLEANING
 Marie Marchment
 20th April to 3rd May 2024

CHURCH LINEN
 Anne Thornton (May)

PARISH LITURGIES
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Saturday	
Reconciliation	5:30pm
Vigil Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	
Mass 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	7:30am
5 th Sunday	9:00am
Baptisms 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	11.15am
Sundays. (Please contact the Parish office for bookings.)	
Tuesday	
Mass	10:30am
Rosary(Weekly)	11:00am
Wednesday	
Mass	8:00am
Thursday	
Mass	8:00am
Friday	
Adoration	11:15am
Mass	12:00noon

ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

Mass	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	9:30am
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ST PETER'S, LONG FLAT

Mass	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	9:30am
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BUNDALEER MASS

4th Friday of the month at 11:00am

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

Pays 4.15%. Effective 1 Nov 2023.
 The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.
 Phone Veronica or Mary for any enquiries on 6583 7439.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

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