

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH of Glen Innes

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About Us - A Catholic Community -

Faithful to our Bishop
in communion with the Bishop of Rome;

Faithful to the Teaching of Pope Francis
in the exercise of the Petrine Ministry

Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles; -Faithful to Prayer;

Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread;

Alive in the Community of the Spirit;

Sharing what we have with those in need.

(Acts 2:42-45) www.gleninnesparish.org.au

8TH MAY 2022 - YEAR C FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday	12.00 noon Parish Mass 4th Week of Easter
Tuesday	9:00am - 10:00am HOLY HOUR for Peace in the World
Wednesday	No Parish Mass (Fr Gleeson in Armidale)
Thursday	12 noon Parish Mass 4th Week of Easter
Friday	9:30am Parish Mass 4th Week of Easter 11.40am St Joseph's Stages 2 Reconciliation
SATURDAY:	6:00pm VIGIL FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY	8:30am FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia*

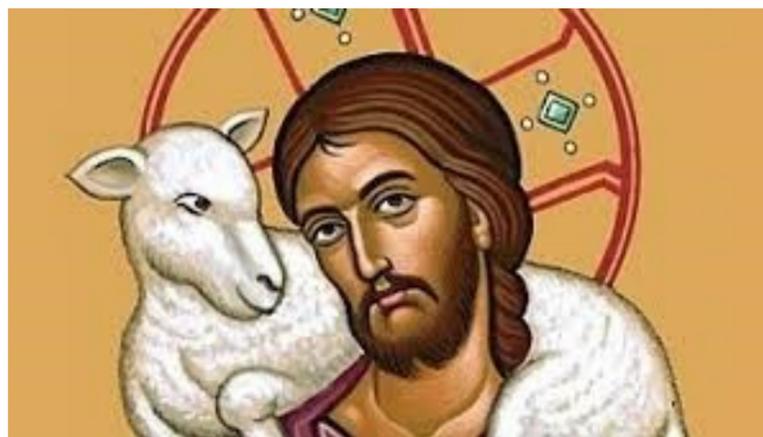
Communion Antiphon: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willing died for his flock Alleluia.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: THE DECEASED: Peter Korneha, Jenny Cugley (Armidale) Aaron Faint and Henry Carlon (Uralla) (*recently deceased*) & Elvin (Tiny) Newsome (*Anniversary*)

THE SICK: Deacon Peter Harrison, Pam Turner, Christopher Willis, Bonnie Day, Vonnie Heffernan, Peter Hodge, Faith Coyen, Ava Pearce, John Barr, Edmond Hanrahan, Julie Neal & Helen Ryan.

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I wouldn't want to be fussy about that [Communion in the hand]. It was done in the early Church. A reverent manner of receiving Communion in the hand is in itself a perfectly reasonable way to receive Communion. Pope Benedict XVI God and the World, p,410



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all mothers and grandmothers!

To help celebrate morning tea will be served in the hall after the 8:30am Mass. Everyone is invited to come over for a cuppa **AND ... APPARENTLY THE MEN HAVE OFFERED TO WASH UP**



This weekend we welcome Mr. Chris da Silva, the Director of Mission and Evangelization for the Armidale Diocese, who is visiting Glen Innes to introduce himself to the parishioners of St Patrick's.

Chris will speak briefly at the end of each Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: The Meeting with Parents of Candidates for First Holy Communion Will take place this coming **Wednesday evening 5.30pm**. It is important for parents to attend as this is the Enrolment of Candidates. No Sacrament Preparation Program can take place without the knowledge and consent of parents - the First educators of their child in the Faith.

MAKING CHURCH MATTER



Warm Blankets Needed

With winter approaching our local Vinnies Centre would appreciate any donation of blankets to meet the demand as winter approaches.

Donations of such items can be left at the Vinnies Centre in Bourke St.

LIVING THE FAITH

Pastoral Council Committee for "Gatherings" met this week:

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th April a committee was formed to look at Parish "Gatherings" that could be held through the year.

- ⇒ This Sunday there will be a **Mother's Day Morning Tea** held in the Hall to which all parishioners are invited.
- ⇒ The Committee is looking to hold a **luncheon in August**, again in the Parish Hall. Cost will only be \$5.00 and the menu will be soup, lasagne and casseroles.
- ⇒ Another **morning tea** will be held in October—date to be decided.
- ⇒ In mid November the committee would like to hold an **outdoor Christmas gathering** between 4:00pm and 7:00 pm at a venue yet to be decided.

Please note these times in your diary and come along and enjoy each others company.

XERO the New Account Software for Parish Book Keeping is being introduced in the Diocese.

There is an In-Service in Armidale this Wednesday and Fr Gleeson and Kerry Muir, the Finance Committee Secretary, will be attending.

AWAKENING THE FAITHFUL

POPE FRANCIS has called for Catholics the world over to Prayer the Rosary for the Ukraine, Daily if at all possible. Seeking the powerful intercession of Mary the Queen of Peace especially

In the Month of May this is something we should all take seriously in our prayer life.

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on earth. We beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honour and praise.

Amen

(St. Ephraim the Syrian c.306 AD)

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories

and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,

that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

V. Let us pray for Francis our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may attain life everlasting.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Parish of St Patrick's Glen Innes and the Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. glensafeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au

persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great