

**A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God,
Archbishop Fulton J Sheen**

‘Jesus said, Now the Son of Man has achieved His Glory, and in His Glory, God is exalted.’

His death would not be a martyrdom, a disgrace, or an inevitable consequence of betrayal. When the Father spoke of His Divine Son at the baptism in the Jordan, Our Lord did not say that He Himself was glorified; nor on the Mount of Transfiguration when the heavens opened again did He speak of it, but in this Hour – when His Soul faced sorrow, His Body a scourging, His mind a travesty of justice, His will a perversion of goodness – did He thank the Father. The Father would be glorified by His redemptive death, and He would be glorified by the Father in His Resurrection and Ascension.

‘I give you a new commandment: Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.’

Love is not a circle circumscribed by the ego; it is more like open arms serving humanity. Practically every psychotic person is an egotist. He refuses to put aside self for the sake of another. On the other hand, the most normal people are those who measure life not by the wine that is drunk, but by the wine poured forth – in the good that is expended on others.

God loves everybody, not because everybody is lovable – but because He puts some of His own love into each person. That, in essence, is what we have to do: put some of our love in others. Then, even an enemy becomes lovable.

It is not easy to like certain people, but it is possible to love them. The difference is this: Liking is instinctive, emotional, organic, physiological, a sensible reaction over which sometimes we have little control as over the grumbling of a stomach. But loving is in the will, not in the glands; it is in that part of our being which is subject to moral command, and is not a bodily reaction, like a wink. Liking is reciprocal, but love is not necessarily reciprocal. The friends we say we like, like us. But a mother can love a wayward son even though he does not return the affection. God can love us even when we spurn His graces.

Love itself starts with the desire for something good. Without this desire, there can be no love of any kind. Through love, every heart seeks to acquire the perfection or the good that it lacks, or to express the perfection it already has.

If one loves, everything is easy; if one does not – everything is hard.

As the smallest light beam is but a reflection of the light and heat that are the sun, so all truth and all love have their origin in God.

Love, indeed, makes the world go round – and takes it back to its ultimate source, which is God.

(Life of Christ & The Power of Love)



**Solemnity of Our Lady,
Help of Christians**

May 24 is the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians. This is an important Feast in Australia because Our Lady, under the title “Help of Christians”, is a spiritual Patron of Australia.

The title “Help of Christians” is of very ancient lineage, with Saint John Chrysostom, who died in 407AD, having used the title in a homily. According to Fr Johann G Roten, the invocation of Mary under the title of Help of

Christians is part of the oldest prayer addressed directly to Mary, the *Sub tuum praesidium*, found on a papyrus dating from the third century.

The feast day of Mary, Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800s. The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholics in Australia remained faithful to Mary, and Australia was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

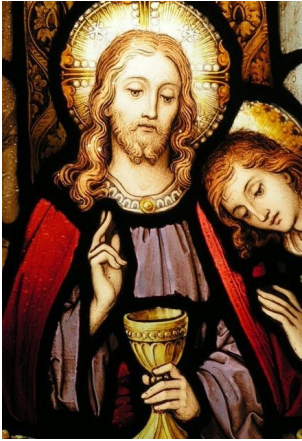
Prayer: O Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. To you we consecrate our country, our families, our hearts and souls, and all that we have. And in order that this consecration may be truly effective and lasting, we renew today the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation; and we undertake to live as good Christians - faithful to God, the Church, and the Holy Father. We desire to pray the Rosary, partake in the Holy Eucharist, attach special importance to the first Saturday of the month and to work for the conversion of sinners. Furthermore, we promise, O most holy Virgin, that we will zealously spread devotion to you, so that through our consecration to your Immaculate Heart and through your own intercession the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the world may be hastened. Amen.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

18 MAY 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”



**“He who is filled with love
is filled with God
Himself.”
- St Augustine of Hippo**

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

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 people 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 Apocalypse 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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? 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 John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said: ‘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.**

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

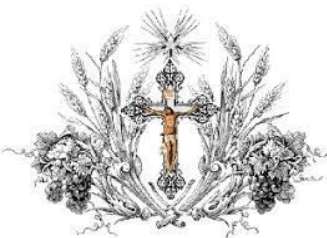
Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Jesus, I live for Thee.

Jesus, I die for Thee.

Jesus, I am Thine in life and in death. Amen.





Sacred Heart Parish

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

May 18, 2025



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Monday 19 May & Friday 23 May - 8am to 1pm

Tuesday 20 May - 8am to 12pm

Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler

PPC Chair: Mr Matthew Rennie

Holy Trinity Principal: Mrs Jillian Rainger

Parish Secretary: Peter Turner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of Sue Spackman and all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Stephen Tubb, Janet O'Reilly, Terry Savoy.

the sick:

Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

MAY - THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY 19th

Monday of the 5th week of Easter

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 20th

Feast Day of St Bernardine of Siena, priest

Yr 8G Confessions - 11.40am HTS

Holy Mass - 4.00pm

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 21st

Feast Day of St Christopher Magallanes, priest, & companions, martyrs

Holy Mass - 6.30am

THURSDAY 22nd

Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia, religious

McLean Mass - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

Alpha Program - 6.00pm

FRIDAY 23rd

Friday of the 5th week of Easter

Rosary - 8.30am

Yr 6D Holy Mass - 9.30am (Enrolment for Confirmation Programme)

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 24th

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES:

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - **Tingha**, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - **Ashford**, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - **Tingha**, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - **Yetman**, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR MAY

Pat Bailey & Kay Gardner

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 17 May 2025, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 28 May 2025, 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 8 June 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed TBA 2025, 5.00pm

Second Saturday Outer Parish Mass

With the closure of St Mary of the Angels Church at Bundarra, the Mass previously celebrated there on the second Saturday of each month will now be at St Francis of Assisi Church in Tingha. Tingha will therefore have two Saturday Masses each month, the second and fourth.

Jubilee Around the Diocese

St Mary's Tenterfield are hosting a Deanery Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year on May 20 at 11.00am followed by a light lunch. Parishioners from all parishes are most welcome. Part of the celebrations is the travelling exhibition of the miniature cathedral, replica cathedra and display of relics. The exhibition will make its way to parishes within the deanery over the weeks after the Jubilee Mass.

A new Pope AND a new Bishop

Within hours of each other our Diocese was given a new bishop and a new pope.



First, on Thursday evening, May 8th, Peter Mel Murphy became the 11th Bishop of Armidale. In a moving and glittering liturgy of Episcopal Ordination, he promised, among others, to "pray without ceasing to Almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of High Priest without reproach." His episcopal motto is *In Omnibus Caritas* - charity in all things, derived from St Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:14.

During the Holy Mass, Bishop Murphy used the crozier of Bishop Torreggiani (2nd Bishop of Armidale). He wore the pectoral cross worn by Bishops O'Connor and Coleman (3rd and 4th Bishops of Armidale). The episcopal ring used was worn by Bishop Doody (5th Bishop of Armidale).

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Murphy to our parish on Saturday evening, June 21st, for the conferral of

the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Only about 5 hours later, Cardinal Robert Prevost emerged onto the loggia of St Peter's Basilica as Pope Leo XIV, the first American to be chosen to be the Successor of St Peter. While early Friday morning our time, it was actually the same day, May 8th, in Rome. So our new bishop and our new pope were given to us on the same calendar day. They will share the same anniversary in years to come.

Pope Leo's papal motto is *In illo uno unum* - meaning "In the One, we are one". It is taken from the writings of Saint Augustine and expresses the idea that Christians are united in Jesus Christ.

In greeting the election of the new Pope, Archbishop Fisher of Sydney, expressed the desire that Leo XIV would visit Australia in 2028 for the National Eucharistic Congress. The Prime Minister has issued an invitation to the Pope to do so. That would be the second time that he has been to Australia because he was here for World Youth Day in 2008.

Change to Holy Communion procedure.

Beginning at the Sunday Masses next week, May 24th and 25th, there will be a change to the way in which the congregation will process to the altar for the reception of Holy Communion.

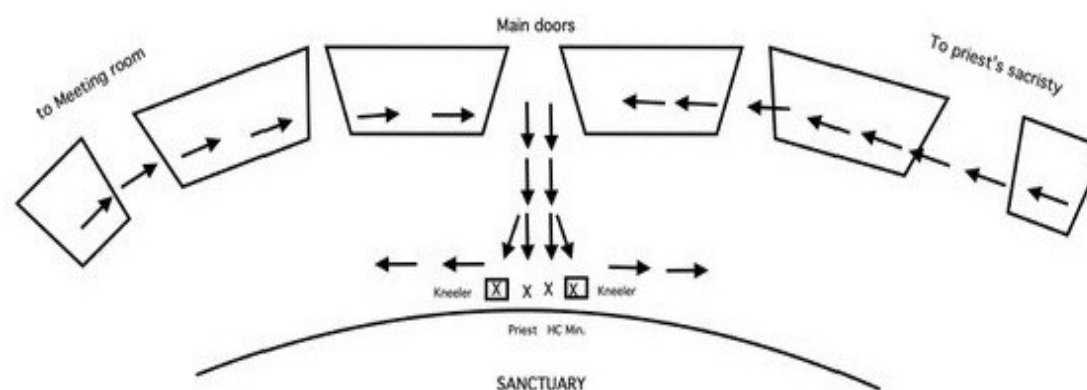
This will bring the weekday Mass procedure and the Sunday Mass procedure together, and so be the same.

Coming to the centre aisle, rather than the side aisles, reminds us that there is the nature of a procession in coming forward to receive Holy Communion; and that the other processions of the Mass use the main aisle.

It should also allow for a smoother procedure, both for those who kneel and those who stand. The priest and the Holy Communion minister will move easily between the one standing and the one kneeling. Please consult the diagram below and its tips.

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Page 836
- * Preface I of Easter, Page 36
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)



- ♦ Come in double lines down the main aisle.
- ♦ Wait NOT AT FRONT PEW but leaving room for the person to rise from the kneeler and turn to right or left.
- ♦ BOW in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament before approaching the priest or lay minister.
- ♦ A bow is not needed if you kneel since that is an act of reverence in itself.