

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Sunday, 18th May 2025

## First Reading Acts of the Apostles 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.**

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 Revelation 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? 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

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

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



# St. Joseph's, Wonthaggi & Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch

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### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Wonthaggi

Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.30am

#### Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

### Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

#### Inverloch

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | Funeral Mass-Fay Suckling | 10.00am |
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#### Wonthaggi

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | Liturgy | 9.30am |
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| <b>Friday</b> | No Service |
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### Please Pray for:

#### Anniversaries:

For the deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. "May they rest in peace."*

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

***We pray for the Students receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion***

### PARISH ROSTERS

#### WONTHAGGI:

Greeting/Reader

Sacristan:

Special Minister:

Offertory:

**24th May**

Janice Coldebella

K Carew

K Carew

P Studham

M O'Callaghan

**25th May**

J Bordignon

C Gow

D Gardner

N Kubale

D Bordignon

#### INVERLOCH:

Reader:

Special Minister:

**25th May**

E Keszjuewicz

P Warby

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$1,085.85

Planned Giving envelope (2nd Collection): \$761.00

(planned giving pledge per week \$1,968)

Loose cash (2nd offering) \$419.85

*Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.*

### RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Wonthaggi:** Before 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and upon request

**Inverloch:** Sun before 9.00am mass

*We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child Safety Officer. The officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. 03 56 721 111*

### Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address or Phone # ☐

Thanksgiving: Envelopes ☐ or Electronically ☐

# REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

## City Life for True Lovers

*'Love one another as I have loved you.'* You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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Your invited to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea  
Hosted by the Uniting Church  
Held in the Annex at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church Inverloch at 1.30pm Thursday 29th May  
Entry \$10. Competitions, Trade Table.  
Please wear Pink including headwear.  
Contact Bev 0408 502 707

## Parish/Diocese News

**Before and after Mass please be respectful of the presence of Our Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and of your fellow parishioners who wish to reflect and pray in silence.**

**Fr Darren** will be away on Leave until 6th June 2025

We welcome Fr Peter Kooloos to celebrate the weekend Masses.

**Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1.15pm at Wonthaggi Church each week.

**Stay Updated on Diocesan Events:** There are many **exciting events** happening across our **Diocese!** Stay informed and up to date by visiting the **Diocesan Events Page**. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. **Visit:** <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>

### **Jubilee of Workers – Sunday 25 May at Cowes**

The Jubilee of Workers honors the essential contribution of all workers to our society — whether in trades or professions, as employees or volunteers. It also acknowledges St Joseph, the model and patron of all workers.

This special Jubilee celebration will be held at St Mary's, Cowes, on Sunday 25th May at 9:00am.

All are warmly invited to make a pilgrimage to this celebration as part of their journey through the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

**Prayer Shawl Group next meeting:** Wednesday 21st May @ 10.30 in the Inverloch Church Annex .

We gather on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for friendship and a cuppa while creating shawls and rugs that are later blessed & wrapped , ready to be given to those struggling with life in any way. If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving this free gift, please contact us. Wool donations (preferably 8ply acrylic) are always welcome and can be left at either Church. Our work is on display in our lovely new cabinet in the foyer of the Wonthaggi Church and also in our cabinet in Inverloch. If you love to knit or crochet and enjoy meeting people, come along to our next meeting . Simple patterns & wool are available. You can also be a part of this group by knitting at home too! For enquires please contact: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340 or Maureen Maartensz 0407 055 447

### **Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch**

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held after mass on the First Sunday of the Month

### **St Joseph's Wonthaggi**

**Cuppa after Mass** will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the Month