

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. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches—One Parish

St Mary's—Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

St. Joseph's—Bass

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Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Times

Star of the Sea—San Remo

Tuesday 9.15am Mercy Prayer followed by the Rosary & Mass at 10am.

Mass Saturday 6pm

St Joseph's—Bass

Mass Sunday 11 am

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion—Wed 9am

Adoration & Prayer Wed 9.30am-10am & 7-8pm

St Mary's—Cowes Wednesday Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Mass & Friday 9.00 am.

School Mass Thursday 9.15am. Mass Sunday 9am.

Solemnity: Our Lady, Help of Christians, Saturday 24th May.

Anniversaries: We remember and pray for Hazel Dann, Colin Trist.



Bible Study 2025. Bible Study on Wednesday 21st May at 10am St. Mary's Church Hall. New participants are welcome. For further information ring Nicholas on 0409 582 012



Bass Prayer Group on Monday 19th May at 7pm. Contact Wendy Power 56 782271. All Welcome



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday 22nd May 7pm



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee of Workers honours 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.



There was great excitement as our students participated in our Cross Country tryouts. The students from Prep-2 had lots of parents cheering them on as they ran their laps. They loved their 'medals' on which they received stickers for their efforts. We have 12 students from 3-6 who will now compete at Regional Level. On Wednesday, our Year 6 students travelled to Mary

MacKillop in Leongatha for a Year 6 activity day. They all enjoyed their taste of secondary school. Friday was very busy setting up for our first 'Autumn Market', which was held on Saturday from 9-2 pm. It was wonderful to see so many people visiting our school. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to making this a great success.

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City Life for True Lovers

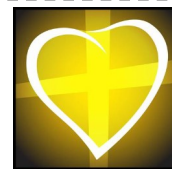
'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

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.'



Trinity Families Appeal – 2025 Jubilee Year



Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this Jubilee year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously.

Leaving Collection this weekend 17/18th May.

Do you enjoy singing? Everyone has a voice! Currently we have vacancies in our choir. Please see/phone Ruth 0488 223 325. To sing is to Pray! St. Augustine



Fr. Peter Slater will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination at St Patricks Church Pakenham at 11am on Thursday 29th May 2025. Parishioners are cordially invited to the Mass to celebrate with him on the day. Please keep Fr. Peter in your prayers



A website to help Catholics celebrate the Jubilee year has been launched by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry.

Please visit <https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>



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 our Parish Safety Officer. He can be contacted through the Parish Office. Ph 03 59 525 418

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