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25th May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C.

Finding Peace in the Unfathomable Mystery of God

*"Take from my heart all
painful anxiety."*

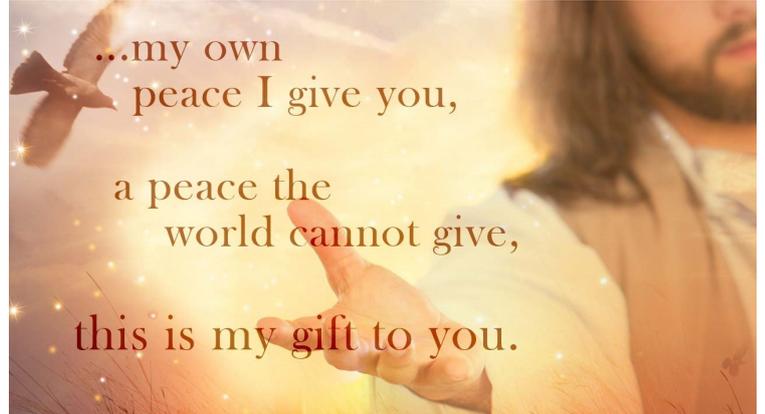
This was the prayer of Venerable Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus of Nazareth know that they need not be anxious or afraid "for perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Today's gospel makes it clear that "love" finds expression in the keeping of God's word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the Logos who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God's communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God's word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God's name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and "kept" the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and "our common home" with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God's Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as "advocate" carries a range of meanings. It literally means "one called alongside to help" whenever necessary. True disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John's gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to "keep the word" of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace "that the world cannot give." In John's gospel, the "world" is first and foremost the tenting place of God's Word: it is God's creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to God's Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew shalom: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God's creation. We long for that peace in our troubled times. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also "coming to them" since the Spirit will be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

- Veronica Lawson RSM



CHURCHES

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RETIRED IN THE PARISH

Fr. John Darbyshire

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS: KINGSCLIFF 5:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: POTTSVILLE 9:15am

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00—4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25am

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 26th May **St Philip Neri**, priest

Saturday 31st May **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year C

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

And Mary rising up in those days went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah. [Lk. 1:39]

The feast of the Visitation recalls the visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation.

The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances - Elizabeth in her old age after suffering from infertility, and Mary by the Holy Spirit. At their meeting, John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, and she blessed Mary and the Christ Child. Mary, in turn, responds with the famous **Magnificat** praising the Lord. Scan for The Magnificat



TRAVELLING ROSARY STATUE

The rosary statue is available to take to your home for one week. See the Piety Stall to make a booking.

Baptisms held last weekend



JUNE 2025, A MONTH OF SOLEMNITIES

Every Sunday in June this year is a Solemnity, the highest rank of celebration.

- 1st June: **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 8th June: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 15th June: **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
- 22nd June: **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**
- 29th June: **STs PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

A month of celebrations to look forward to.

CONSECRATING HOMES TO THE SACRED HEART



Anyone wishing to have their home consecrated to the Sacred Heart, please add your name to the sheet at church. **Dedication at St. Anthony's Church by Fr. John Darbyshire at the 8am Mass, 25th June.**

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mario Grana, Jo-Anne Beddoes, Marie Therese Collins, Rosa Bianco, Carmel Brown

ANNIVERSARY

Roy Hose, Pip Brown, George Prichard, Gui Se Do Tjong

ALSO

Jim Hession, Archie Burns, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Les Andrews, Maria Andrews, Ray O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe, Maree Everingham, Fr. Tom McEvoy, John Perkins, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Matt Gallagher, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, Tara Selvakumaraswamy, James Heath, Kathleen Conaghan, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Kerrie Biddulph, Don Ping Kee, Martin Fitzhenry, Jayden Paulson, Gerard Paulson, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella and Skylar.

Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrimage - Holy Door
Reconciliation - Prayer - Liturgy
Profession of Faith

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

From Pope Francis' Homily for the X World Meeting of Families (2022):
"You are fathers, mothers and children, grandparents, uncles and aunts. You are adults and children, young and old. Each of you brings a different experience of family, but all of you have one hope and prayer: that God will bless and keep your families and all the families of the world."

Scan for more resources



CELEBRATIONS



Baptism

We welcome
**Ralph O'Reilly and
Eddy Ruiz Parker**
baptised this week

Marriage

Congratulations
**Colin Benstead and
Helen Larkin**
married this week

at St. Anthony's Church

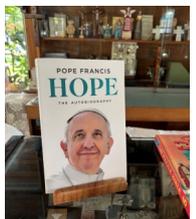
RETIREMENT OF FATHER MICHAEL BRADY

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Fr. Michael Brady as he retires as parish priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads, this weekend.

Fr. Michael was ordained in 1989 and has served in various parishes in the Diocese including the past 20 years in Tweed Heads. We thank God for his ministry and pray that God will bless him with peace and comfort as he enters his well-earned retirement.

POPE FRANCIS' AUTOBIOGRAPHY

See the Piety Stall to get your copy of "Hope", the autobiography of Pope Francis.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27TH MAY TO 3RD JUNE



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS COMMISSIONING

At the Masses on the feast the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 21st/22nd June, there will be a Rite for the Commissioning for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



MINISTRY ROSTERS JULY-DECEMBER

Sheets are available at the back of the Church to notify roster organisers of your ability to join a roster or planned absences during the period July-December 2025.

—We need some new ministers for the rosters. If this is something you have been thinking about, now is the time to act. We need your help! Training and support is provided —

We need volunteers to help run the **data system** at Mass and we also need volunteers to join the **counting** roster for recording donations and planned giving received at weekend Masses. Counting takes one hour. Training is provided by John Mulhall. *Please let the parish office know if you can help.*

NAME BADGE ORDER An order will soon be placed for magnetic name badges. Please complete the sheet at church if you would like a name badge ordered. Cost \$12

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR DIOCESAN BOOK CLUB

MUSTARD SEEDS BOOK CLUB

Small books, big ideas, growing faith

A chance to come together online, as a community, to share our faith as we read *52 Sundays* and other Church Documents.

Our first book club is on the **28th of May, from 7pm-8pm**. We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

All are welcome and no background or formal education in theology is required! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3248 5504
Password: W56wVx

To register interest, contact: Dr Madeline Beveridge, Pastoral Projects Officer, Diocese of Lismore Chancery, 0491 137 854
mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au



Use the QR code to access Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. All welcome, even if you don't have the book yet.

You're invited to join us for our Diocesan Book Club-

DATES:
28th MAY
24th JUN
24th JUL
27th AUG
23rd SEPT
30th OCT
24th NOV

Write your name on the clipboard at the back of the churches if you would like to order the book *52 Sundays*.

BAPTISM WELCOMER 25th May	Terry & Sherida Sheridan
BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER 1st Jun	Cheryl French
RECORDING Tues 27th May	John Mulhall, Clare Perkins
RECORDING Tues 3rd June	John Mulhall, Marion Gardner

MASS ROSTER	24 th /25 th May
KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Carmel Atkinson
SECOND READING	Marion Gardner
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Kim Dixon
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Shirley Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	John Mulhall, Denise DeVene, Kath Togo
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Robyn Denny
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Peter McConnell
SECOND READING	Peter Smith
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady
OFFERTORY	Christine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READING	Clare Perkins
SECOND READING	Gavin Dykes
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Angela Finkel
OFFERTORY	Holliday Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Shane Martin, Helen Bryan, Desiree DeAzevedo
HOSPITALITY	Irene Brinsmead, Julianne Barlogio, Peggy Johnson
DATA SYSTEM	Maya Rogers
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane
MASS ROSTER	31 st May/1 st June
KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READING	Robyn Denny
SECOND READING	Helen Gooley
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter Campbell
OFFERTORY	Carmel Bushell, Marty Darragh
HOLY COMMUNION	Joan Prichard, Rina Anderson, Carmel Atkinson
HOSPITALITY	tba
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Patrick Butler
SECOND READING	Margaret Potts
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Marie Stott
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Julianne Barlogio
SECOND READING	Cheryl French
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Trish Spillane
OFFERTORY	The Seekers Family Group
HOLY COMMUNION	John Rawson, Sherida Sheridan, Madeleine Holliday
HOSPITALITY	Bernie Doyle, Peggy Johnson, Terry Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Catherine Holliday
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING— Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. *O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.*
2. *Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.*
3. *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.*

SECOND READING

— Revelation (Apocalypse) 21:10-14 , 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL — John 14:23-29

By Liturgia

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SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support, and discuss all options available. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

With the end of the financial year fast approaching, the new sets of envelopes will be prepared in the coming weeks. This is a good opportunity to think about your planned giving. Perhaps you would consider a direct debit from your bank account or a credit card deduction by the parish office on a weekly or monthly basis. Forms are available at church and on the parish website if you would like to consider one of these options instead of using envelopes. Alternatively, contact the parish office.
If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, forms are available at the back of both Churches or contact the Parish Office.

MASS COLLECTIONS

There are generally two collections taken up at Mass.

The **first collection** is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Funds are also directed to:

- * Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend
- * The support of the Bishop
- * Priests in remote dioceses across Australia
- * Retired and sick Priests

The **second collection** is for the administration, maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including:

- * Liturgical needs * Salaries * Utilities * Resources
- * Maintenance of Church buildings and facilities
- * Parish ministry formation * Repayment of loans

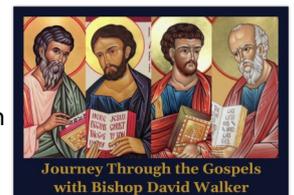
MOWING/GARDENING

Do you need help with mowing, gardening or landscaping? Stephen and Juliette are keeping the church grounds neat and tidy and are looking to do further work in the area. Special rates for parishioners. Contact Stephen 0411 764 821

JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS WITH BISHOP DAVID WALKER

The Catholic Leadership Foundation invites you to a free live online presentation each Saturday between 4-5pm or you can view recorded presentations on the website lectiodivina.com.au (QR code below).

Bishop David Walker (retired, Broken Bay) has spent a lifetime reflecting on the Gospels, studying Scripture, and exploring how they guide Christian discipleship. Now he invites you to join him in a series of enriching discussion on the Gospels. Scan for info.



DONATION POINT

St Anthony's Church has a donation tap facility. Donations go directly to the 2nd collection which assists the Parish to meet its ever increasing commitments. **Thank you.**



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