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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the heart of our Christian life: the journey of faith, the hope of renewal, and the command to love.

In the first reading from Acts, Paul and Barnabas return to the communities they helped establish, encouraging them and appointing leaders. Their message is honest and clear: "It is through many hardships that we must enter the Kingdom of God." Christian life is not a path of comfort, but one of courage. It calls us to perseverance, community, and trust in God's grace—even in trials.

The second reading, from Revelation, lifts our eyes to the glorious future promised by God—a vision of a new heaven and new earth, where suffering and death will be no more. It reminds us that God's ultimate plan is not destruction, but renewal. The words, "See, I am making all things new," speak to every weary heart: God is at work, even now, transforming our lives and our world.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment at the Last Supper: "Love one another as I have loved you." This love is not optional. It is the very identity of a disciple. And it's not just any love—it is Christ's love: self-giving, forgiving, and faithful. In a world marked by division and fear, this love becomes a powerful witness of God's presence.

As a parish community, let us take these words to heart. Let us support one another through challenges, renew our hope in God's promises, and above all, let us love—not only in words, but in actions that bring healing, unity, and joy. May our love for one another make visible the God who is always making all things new.

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell: on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until vou come again.

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.

DROMANA PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. AMEN.



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11/5/2025



Entrance Procession

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.

Penitential Act

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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. Thanks be to God. **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 144:8-13)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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

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

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Second Reading (Revelation 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 Godwith-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. Thanks be to God. Gospel Acclamation (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

> (Readings continued on the back page)

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ROSEBUD AND DROMANA PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick especially: Trevor Ives, Maria Hanmer, Gordon Ives, Katie Elson, Ron & Lorraine Backway, Shirley Gardiner, Harry Sullivan, Hamish Gubbins, Colleen Cooper, Miah Debernardi, Jean Robertson, Mick Millman, Raelene Watt, Jenny Brewer and Vilma Canavan, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength. We pray for those who died recently, especially for whose anniversary occurs about

Golden Jubilee Anniversary Celebration— Our Lady of Perpetual Help Dromana

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate 50 Golden years of God's blessings, as our parish has stood as a beacon of faith, prayer, and community.

Join us for this momentous occasion as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Saturday May 31 2025. A Solemn Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM followed by a Community BBQ Dinner filled with joy, fellowship, and fun!

All are welcome! Bring your family, friends, and a plate to share as we mark this special milestone together.

Please contact

Phil Lynch- (0400 059649), Anne Marie or other committee members.

PHONES OFF

Please turn phones onto silent or off, and maintain prayerful quiet in the Church.

REGULAR EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF PER-PETUAL HELP DROMANA. ALL ARE WELCOME

- Join in **praying the rosary** half an hour before each weekday Mass.
- Novena Prayer of Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Tuesday following 9.30am Mass.
- Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 3.00pm. New singers welcome.
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group:
 Every Friday at 2pm, followed up with a cuppa & chat!
- Monthly Morning Tea: every 2nd Sunday after 11.00 AM mass.
- Monthly Prayer Group: 1st Monday of the month @ 10.00am Church.
- St Vincent de Paul Meetings: 2nd & 4th
 Thursday of each month @ 4pm in the
 Parish Hall Dromana And Rosebud Unit
 on the same day at 9.30 AM in the Meeting room. St. V.P. Units are looking for
 new members as Volunteers.

All are Welcome.
Any enquires please contact the office.

COLLECTIONS

1st Collection for Presbytery: Supports our Parish Priest, the Supply Priests and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

2nd Collection for Church: Supports our respective Parishes.



MASS TIMES

Wednesday 9:30am Friday 9:30am Saturday 9:30am Sunday 9am, 5pm

> HOLY HOUR (FORTHNIGHTLY) FRIDAY 10.00 AM - 11.AM

> CONFESSION 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Invitation for Parish Ministry

As we celebrated Vocation Sunday last Week, we were reminded that the Lord calls each one of us to be a missionary disciple. This call is not only for a chosen few—it is for all the faithful. Every one of us is invited to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.

I warmly invite each parishioner to consider joining at least one ministry in our parish community. Whether you are young or old, new to the parish or a long-time member, your presence and service can make a real difference.

You are needed in ministries such as: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors (Readers, Pastoral Care Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Altar Decorators, Choir Members and Cantors, Offertory Collectors and Counters, Event Organisers, Catechists for Children and Adults, Intercessory Prayer Teams, Finance Council & Parish Pastoral Council, and many more.

It's not that one person must do many things—but rather that many people are called to contribute in at least one area of parish life. Together, we build a vibrant, living Church.

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on how the Lord is calling you to serve. Your "yes" will strengthen our community and bring new life to our parish. If you are willing please contact the office.

With prayerful hope and gratitude, Fr. Jacob Peter Alvares, SAC.



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Sacrament of Confirmation

We Congratulate 20 of Our Lady of Fatima School kids, Who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on 15-5-2025 from Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Ireland. Thanks to the Parents, Sponsors and School staff for preparing our kids in their faith journey.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosebud

Looking for Volunteers to help with cleaning the Church and arranging altar flowers each month. Please contact Suma Jojy our Parish Secretary

Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your generous contribution to Catholic Care Victoria last Sunday. We Collected:

Dromana: 442.35 Rosebud: 469.55 Total: 911.90

Seeking Generous Donors

If you are willing to support the monthly cost of Bulletin Printing through a regular donation, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fr. Jacob Alvares at 0466-547-995 for more details.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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To all our visitors, and regular parishioners welcome everyone! We celebrate the gift of you to the parish. We hope this Holy Mass celebration blesses you abundantly

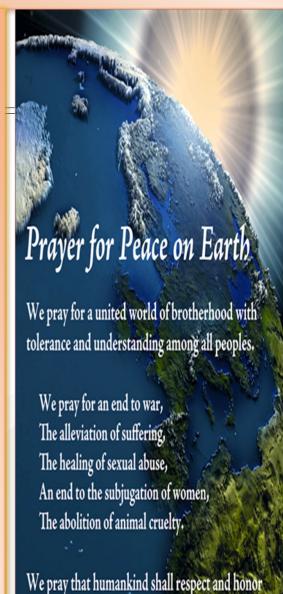


THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, pilgrims of hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. AMEN



the Earth and the Realms of Nature.

Grace for all the World

Victory for the forces of Light,

The fulfillment of the Divine Plan.

We pray for a global awakening of humanity,