

Ministry Roster.

This Week, The Fifth Sunday of Easter(15/5)

Next Week, The Sixth Sunday of Easter(22/5).

Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM
Acolyte:	P Speter.	J Hall.	R Kemmis.	P Doherty
Commentator:	Alan W.	T Griffiths.	T Burgheim.	P Gannon
Reader:	Ang W.	Cathy V G.	M Golez.	M David
Flowers:	K Powell.		J West.	
Cleaning:	L Beaman & P Currie.		R Verhoeven	

If you are unable to carry out your ministry please organise a replacement or call Richard on the Parish Phone number listed on the first page of this bulletin.

We are all invited by Pope Francis to be involved in the Synod on Synodality.

Synodality means everyone walking together. **Pope Francis is welcoming our experiences of being in the Catholic Church.** He wants to hear from the people of God. Last Saturday members of the Blue Mountains Pastoral Council met and we shared our experiences. The questions we answered were

What is positive and meaningful to you in the Church community?

What are your hurts and disappointments in belonging to the Church Community?

And What do you think needs to happen for the Church Community to thrive?

Our next step is to collate our experiences and send them to Sr Nathalie Becquart n.becquart@synod.va along with an explanation of who we are and who we represent as Deanery Pastoral Councillors. Sr Nathalie is the number 2 officer at the synod and will be the first woman with a right to vote during the summit of Bishops. Sr Nathalie is welcoming our submissions and will also welcome your submission either as part of a group or individually.

Carol and Maureen.

Office Repair.

After meeting earlier this week with our insurers and approval of the claim, work will commence shortly to install a temporary office, meeting room, toilets and a storage area prior to commencing repair work on the existing building. As the new work will require submitting a development application (DA) to BMCC, it is expected to take some time to complete the repair work.

We will keep you informed of progress.

Fr Paul.

The Book Launch of Noel's last book of poetry;

THE JOY OF LIVING
OUR HEART'S KNOWING
AND IMAGINING

May 28th from 9:30-12:00pm

at

Santa Maria Hall

Copies will be available for purchase (cash or electronic payment)

Launch prices: \$30 hard copy; \$25 paperback



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Parish Office Hours: Thursdays & Fridays 9.30 am - 3.30 pm.

The Church is open 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Thursday and Friday. Please call to book.

Weekend Masses: **Saturday 5:00 PM. Sunday 8:30 AM.**

Weekday Masses: **Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 PM and Thursday 9:00 AM.,**

Masks are now recommended and we do not have any limits on capacity anymore. **Baptisms:** First & Third Saturdays at 11:00 AM. **Weddings:** Call the office & six months notice. **Funerals:** Call the office.

A Poem to sit with.

Structure
that inner
scaffolding
of things

whether
a grain of
sand
or dew bead
or skeleton
of a leaf

houses Spirit
which can
teach
as lightning

what a life
span
of study
could
not absorb

J. Janda

Paul and Barnabas ... made a considerable number of disciples, [and] returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. ([First Reading](#))



Nicolaes Pietersz Berchem,
Paul and Barnabas in Lystra, detail, c. 1650



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Owen McKenna.

Sick: Fr Theo Arrivoli, Rob Nickl, Maurice Rooney, Lan Franco Matteucci, Moira Sattler, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Anne & Aamon Spellman, Sienna Erdmanis, and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9,10-11,12-13

A song of praise to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-33a,34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

Background on the Gospel Reading.

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

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functions and
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The **Diocese of Parramatta** is embarking on a seven-year journey towards achieving seven **Laudato Si' Goals**, which means to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. This commitment is made in response to the invitation from **Pope Francis** and the **Australian Catholic Bishops** to embark on such a journey.

So the Parishes in the Blue Mountains invite the whole community to find out more about this week by connecting to the Laudato Si Action Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3YkNMuj7_0

And you are also invited to join in the **easy Fairfax Heritage Track Walk** commencing at **Blue Mountains National Park Heritage Centre** 270 Govett's Leap Road Blackheath on **Monday May 16th at 10.30am**. This will be followed by **BYO picnic lunch and discussion** in the grounds of **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** 18 Inconstant St Blackheath.

There will also be a further **reflection about the Laudato Si Goals** followed by a **BYO picnic lunch** on **Tuesday May 24th in Gloria Park** at the end of Bonnie View Avenue in **Hazelbrook** from 10.30am.

There is still more that you can join in with so please contact Julie O'Keeffe julesongodson@bigpond.com

Carol and Maureen.

Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council.

Community Wellbeing was the name of one of the 5 workshops that met on Sunday, 3 April at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, as part of Blue Mountains Catholics Take Action (Gathering of Talents) gathering across the 6 parishes of our Deanery. We heard what people saw as the community needs in our Deanery, we learnt about a range of areas of help from Celia, the CatholicCare coordinator (Springwood Office) who facilitated, and we each came up with areas that we saw a need for further action. There are many needs from the simple (transporting someone to an appointment or visiting an aged care facility) to those needing a community approach e.g., action to care for and protect our environment in all its facets or to advocate for and support refugees.

Jim Potts.

Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council.