Acts 15:2-12 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, “Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.” This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

“The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.”

Psalm 66:2-3 5-6 8. R. v4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you! O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shine upon us. Let the peoples praise you, O God; you guide the nations on earth. For you rule the world with justice. And your face shall shine upon us. O God, be gracious and bless us and make your face shine upon us. Alleluia!

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: “If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you, but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now so that if it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.”

Apocalypse 21:10-14 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Pastors Pen

I have absolutely no idea why I said I would be away Monday to Friday of last week. It was only Monday through Wednesday. Was it a case of wishful thinking? Anyway, I participated in the evening sessions of the Year 10 retreat at Hervey’s Range and used the time on Monday and Tuesday to write a talk and research for an essay. I stayed at the Bishop’s House and had a few opportunities to have a good chat with him about his life and mine—all part of the service. I am, unfortunately, away again this week Monday through Wednesday. On Tuesday, I am giving two talks in Newcastle, which involves a whole day travel down on Monday and the same to return on Wednesday. I have absolutely no idea why I said yes to this invitation.

This week we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our young parishioners, on Thursday and Friday evenings. Our Bishop Tim will be joining us. Please pray for our confirmands. The Bishop will celebrate the 7am Mass in Ingham on Friday and the 8am Mass in Ingham on Saturday. So, if you’d like to say hello (and join with him in prayer), please come along. He will be staying through to the Debating Ball on Saturday Night. This is the first time he has debated in Ingham. It may be my 13th trip to school!

Last weekend, I spoke about our journey as parish communities over the past 3 years at Abergowrie and Halifax. This weekend, I do the same in Ingham and at Canossa. We really do have a wonderful story to tell of good and godly works in the Hinchinbrook Shire. These talks form the centre-piece of our three yearly thanksgiving renewal. I invite you to reflect prayerfully on how you might respond to God’s call to support our good and godly works.

I would like to express my thanks to Beth who has helped compile all of the data for this campaign for the very first time. She has done a stellar job, especially given my continuous absences. Thank you to the ladies who have folded letters, studded envelopes and persevered with sticking return address labels on the envelopes. The contribution has been extraordinary. Thankfully, I will be continuously in the parish for almost three weeks following my trip away this week. I am very grateful to Marcella and Julie with whom the Father will send in my name, but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now so that if it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.”

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Parish Notices and Events
St Teresa's Abergowrie Mass—Sunday 9 June
Please note due to St Anthony Feast Day celebrations there will be no mass at St Teresa’s Abergowrie on Sunday 9 June.

Lay Canossian Meeting
Next meeting for all Lay Canossians will be Monday May 27 at Canossa Chapel at 10.30pm.

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
A new group is beginning very soon and will meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm. Interested?
No pressure at all. No obligation. Just give us a call.

Ever considered becoming Catholic?
Simply curious?
Each year, St Patrick's Parish welcomes a number of new adults into the faith family of the Catholic Church. All it takes is a phone call 177.56.2602.

Come Listen Live:
Parish Renewal Ingham 22-25 June
The Dominican Parish Renewal team, with Fr Nick Punch OP and Franciscan Sister Joan Bukrey, will be leading a parish mini-renunciation from 22-25 June. They will be celebrating Mass at St Patrick’s and Canossa on the weekend of 22-23 June and inspiring us with their preaching. Then, on Monday and Tuesday they will offer a morning and evening session of Mass departure times will be advised closer to the date. As there are limited seats available, please contact the Parish Office to place your name on the list.

Confirmation Cards and Gifts
The Paper Shop in Cartwright Street have a lovely range of Confirmation Cards and Gifts in store.

Lyrotta Santa Maria College Yr 7 Transition Days
All current Year 6 students in the district are invited to Year 7 Transition Days at Lyrotta Santa Maria College. These days are Thu 13 June, Thu 1 Aug, Thu 15 Aug—Time 8.30am to 11.30am. You are asked to please meet at the school office. Morning tea will be provided. Students are to wear your school uniform. A courtesy bus will return students to their respective schools. For further information contact the school on 4776 2888.

Dioskonic Notices and Events
The Art of Contemplative Practice: exploring and practicing meditation in the Christian tradition
Take on this ‘spiritual boot camp’ and: Learn and experience the basics of meditation. Establish (or renew) your practice and depth your knowledge of contemplative living. Meditate and learn in the company of others who are also seeking to deepen their spirituality. Shape sustainable spiritual practice for everyday wholeness and wellbeing.

A six-week challenge in attending to your spiritual life. Thursday evenings between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, June 6th to July 11th at the House of Prayer, 17 Thomas Street, Pimlico. Suggested donation. $10 per session or $50 for the series.

Each session will include meditation and teaching on meditation and contemplative living. Together participants will form a co-learning community.

Hospital Admissions in Townsville
Dedicated priests and trained volunteers visit as many of our sick parishioners as possible in all our hospitals. If you are admitted to hospital remember to ask staff to mark your religion as ‘Catholic’ if you would like the ministry of a priest or Catholic hospital visitor.

Mt St Bernard College Reunion
A reunion for past students and teachers from the forties, fifties and early sixties will be held in Canberra with various functions from 18th to 28th September. For further information call Rita on 02 62814636 or Bev on 02 62812365.

Upcoming Events
✓ Confirmation—Thursday 30 May & Friday 31 May
✓ Debutante Ball—Saturday 1 June
✓ Walk for Witness—ecumenical prayer walk through Ingham - Sunday 2 June
✓ Feast of St Anthony at Bemerside—Sunday 9 June

Rosters

Counters This Week:
F. Gorganji J. Gollogly 5. Pennisi P. Reitano

Counters Next Week:
J. Leonardis S. Cossentino M & L. Castles

Altar Servers 1/2 June:
Sat 6pm: Ellie Lahtinen Madeline Bullock
Sun 8.30am: Jacob Minato Georgia Minato
Sun 7pm: Charlotte Liddle

Children’s Liturgy Sat 1 June 6.00pm
Sonya Kemp Raeline Firth

Organists 1/2 June:
Sat 6pm: P. Harris/P. Cavallaro/Video
Sun 8.30am: M. Vitale/Video
Sun 7pm: D. Bella/Video

Commentators & Prayer of the Faithful 1/2 June:
Sat 6.00pm: Linda Pisano
Sun 8.30am: Fine & Stefania Rutherford
Sun 7.00pm: Virginia Scovazzi

Readers 1/2 June:
Hoffman: Joe Rupp Judy Braithwaite
Canossa: C.1 Rita Melara 2/3 Isabella Melara
Sat 6pm: 1 Michael Pisano 2 Tahila Nowak
Sun 8.30am: 1 Lorraine Pietrobelli 2 Stefania Rutherford
Sun 7pm: 1 Volunteer Please 2 David Pelleri

Abergowrie: Sue Andrews

Special Ministers 1/2 June:
Halifax: George Day Elizabeth Castorina
Canossa: Janelle Woollaby Matthew Inggerini
Sat 6pm: Julie Nowak Trevor Nowak Carmel Sorbello
Sun 8.30am: Tony Gilling Mario Marbelli
Margaret Pasquale
Sun 7pm: Elvie Giandomenico Giovanni Melvin
Janine Van Blerk

Abergowrie: Peggy Mahoney

Peace
Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today’s gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

Perpetual peace, for all who believe in his name. Don’t have to live in fear all the time. Don’t have to be put to shame. Jesus will be with us in our hour of need. Amen. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them.

Prayer of the Faithful

Rqeluscant in pace
Please Pray For: Stephen Fortini, Patrick Mullins (Tully) (died this week), Giuseppe Bonvino (Melbourne) (died recently), Maria Barra Ganza, Teresa Volpi, Sebastiana Venturato (died this time), Ester Canton, Sarina Fichera, Nino Gatti, Beatrice Versace, Janice Day, Ottorino Brescacin, Alfio Kac Giacomo, Santo & Giuseppina Contarino, John Biasi, Carlo & Maria Magoni, Elliott Vincini, Massimiliano, Dec’d members Sartorei & Vella families, Smiler Cerutti, Dec’d members Tomma & Canossa families, Nunziatina & Salvatore Musumecci, Baldo Fantl, Vittorio & Maria Cantoni

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.