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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

18th May 2025

Love One Another

Since time began writers, poet and singers have used the word *love* in so many different ways to get their work and message noticed, some when more success than others! And as is often the case, the more a we hear

a word or use it, the less power it has. Words used properly can be very powerful and effective.

In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus puts before each of us the great command; *love one another, just as I love you*. And this is more challenging and difficult than it sounds. We are not asked to simply *like* each other; we are to love each other as Jesus showed us.

Although we are now celebrating the season of Easter, there is no harm in reminding ourselves the lengths Jesus went to so could he physically demonstrate his love for each of us. On Holy Thursday he got down on his knees to wash our feet. On Good Friday he was lifted up on the cross for us and on Easter Sunday he burst out of the tomb with the gift of new life.

As followers of Jesus today, we are called not simply to believe in the resurrection, we are called to live it through the quality of our daily lives, through how we treat each other and speak to each other. Our actions will speak louder than our words. As John of the Cross reminds us, *'at the end of our lives, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and our human achievements but on how much we have loved.'* . . .

<https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-for-the-5th-sunday-of-easter/>



SCRIPTURES FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 99:1-3, 5 Response: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.* Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEUDLO ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Saturday at **11am**

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sundays at **9am**

RUSSELL ISLAND

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every while at **2pm**

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Liturgy or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary

9am Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of JUNE – 9am Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month,
at **10am** in the **Ruby Room**. Next meeting – **19th May**



For our most Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

May our God, who chose Robert Francis Prevost for the Order of Bishops,
keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church,
to govern the holy People of God.

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose decree all things are founded,
look with favour on our prayers
and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us,
that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker,
may grow in merit by reason of their faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

With permission, adapted from the Solemn Intercessions on Good Friday

THE HOLY FATHER'S BACKGROUND

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, OSA, will be the first Pope from the United States.

The Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, Archbishop-Bishop emeritus of Chiclayo, was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

In 1977 he entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) in the province of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in Saint Louis.

In August 1981 he gave his solemn vows. He studied at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, receiving a diploma in theology.

At the age of 27 he was sent by the Order to Rome to study canon law at the Pontifical Saint Thomas Aquinas University (Angelicum).

He received priestly ordination on June 19, 1982. He received his licentiate in 1984 and was then sent to work in the mission of Chulucanas, in Piura, Peru (1985 -1986).

In 1987 he was awarded a doctorate with the thesis: "The role of the local prior in the Order of St Augustine".

In 1999 he was elected provincial prior of the "Mother of Good Counsel" province, Chicago. After two and a half years, the ordinary general Chapter elected him prior general, a ministry again entrusted to him in the 2007 ordinary general Chapter.

In October 2013 he returned to his province (Chicago) to serve as teacher of the professed and provincial vicar, roles he held in November 2014 when Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator of the diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, elevating him to bishop and assigning him the titular diocese of Sufar.

He served as bishop of Chiclayo from November 26, 2015.

In March 2018 he became second vice president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy in 2019, and member of the Congregation for Bishops in 2020.

On April 15, 2020, the Pope appointed him apostolic administrator of the diocese of Callao.

On January 30, 2023, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. media@catholic.org.au*

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Annual Mass Attendance Count is currently being taken **during the weekends of May**. We encourage you to attend Mass each weekend during this period, as this will assist us in understanding numbers in our communities and across the Archdiocese.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome you and your family. If you have recently moved into this area, we invite you to join our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office on (07) 3207 9177 or Email: victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Feast Days of May - Month of Mary

Tuesday 20th	St Bernardine of Siena
Wednesday 21st	St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
Thursday 22nd	St Rita of Cascia (Patron of our Parish)
Saturday 24th	Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)
Monday 26th	St. Philip Neri
Tuesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday 29th	St Paul VI, Pope
Saturday 31st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Celebrate
the Feast of
Saint Rita of Cascia**
Patron of our Parish
and School

All are welcome to join in after Mass on
Saturday 24th May for supper OR on
Sunday 25th May for morning tea.

Also, it is appreciated if a couple of volunteers can help with the setup and tidy up, many thanks.

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Colleen Ashe, Laval Bosquet, Kathleen Berton and Thomas Berton.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Vincent Ghisleni and Cido Zimunhu.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via email. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish the newsletter to be emailed to you.



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Group meets on **every Tuesday at 7pm** in St Rita's Church. **All Welcome!**

A HEARTFELT INVITATION

Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island

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20th Anniversary Celebration

Pentecost Sunday



"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Please join us in celebrating 20 years of faith, love, and community at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Macleay Island.

Date: Sunday, 8 June 2025.

Time: 1.45PM Mass

followed by a shared afternoon tea.

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit,
Scotts Road, Macleay Island

Celebrant: Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI

St Rita's Parish and the Macleay Island Catholic Community, warmly welcome everyone who has shared in our journey — past, present, and future — to join us in celebrating this joyful occasion.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Celebration of God's Mercy

For children preparing for
First Holy Communion

*Children please bring your Workbook and
Mass Attendance Card*

on Wednesday 11 June

5:30pm to 6:30pm at St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

*If you wish to find out more, please email the Sacramental Coordinator,
Jennifer Fielding on sc.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au*



Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on

Thursday 29th May

We will meet at **Sharks Sporting Club** Victoria Point
at **11.30am**

***** Seniors Meals available *****

Come along and meet other ladies. Have a laugh and enjoy yourselves.

Contact Elaine Pascoe for more info: 0429 925 989

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MAY

For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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 for ever. Amen. (Pope Francis)



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