



Parish of Camp Hill with Norman Park
**Songs, Readings &
Community Information**
Sunday 6 May 2007
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A New Commandment

In the advertising circulars that get stuffed into our letter boxes the word 'NEW' – in bright red letters, is often touted to promote some product. The same is true on the television, especially with computers & software. The trouble is that as soon as we get the 'new' computer home it has already become out of date!

In today's Gospel our Lord talks about a 'new' commandment – but this commandment will remain new & lasting into all eternity. More than that, we will constantly grow into this commandment as we grow into the fullness & the stature of Christ. This is because the commandment is, "Love one another *as I have loved you*" this is a costly love in which Christ offered his own life. Can we fulfill this love? It will be hard going – but the saints and martyrs demonstrate that it is possible. But it can only be achieved as we grow into the life of Christ with all gods' holy people.

And Julian of Norwich

Tuesday, 8th May is the Feast of St Julian of Norwich. On 8 May in 1373 Julian was 30 years old & probably suffering from the black plague. During the illness she experienced a series of 16 visions, about the love of God. After her recovery, she spent the next 20 years pondering their meaning. She then recorded her experiences & conclusions in the first book written by a woman in English, *The Revelation of Divine Love*. At one stage she became a solitary (anchoress) at the Church of St Julian in Norwich, from which she derived her name. She died around 1417. Julian has become an encouragement for countless women in the ministry of the Church. She is also an inspiration for ordinary people seeking a life of prayer. The Christian tradition of contemplation is not a specialist area for a few – but open to all.

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Entrance Hymn

IH169 – Tune: Bunessan

- 1 'As I have loved you,
love one another;
this is the moment,
this is the place.'
Jesus has spoken
his new commandment,
making us holy,
giving us grace.

- 2 'Love one another',
love all creation!
Break down the barriers,
open the door!
Pride is abandoned,
prejudice withers,
petty exclusions
shall be no more.

- 3 Earth and the heavens
long for renewal,
just as the bridegroom
waits for the bride.
Pain will be ended,
death nonexistent,
God in creation
be glorified.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they travelled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Apostolic Ministry

Each Sunday, as we affirm our faith through the words of the creed we declare the Church to be *Apostolic*. Our faith and belief is based on the concrete experience of the apostles who saw the risen Lord. It is through the risen Lord's command that the apostles began the mission of the Church. We see all this in action in first reading as Paul and Barnabas proclaim the faith, establish the local churches and their ministry and confirm their faith. This still remains the responsibility of a Bishop today.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new."

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Thanks be to God

Hymn before Gospel

Words & Music: Taizé Community

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.

Repeat as necessary

Gospel

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

We turn to face the Gospel Book

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,
"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
If God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself,
and God will glorify him at once.
My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Acclamation after the Gospel Reading

Celtic Alleluia

♩.=62 Organ *Choir & People* *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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Gospel Reading: Spoken in Freedom

The Gospel reading is from Saint John's story of the Last Supper. The words spoken have a great weight and significance. This is because this meal was the last moment of our Lord's freedom. Through the words and rituals of the Passover Celebration he explained his intentions and the significance of what was going to happen on the following day at Calvary, when he no longer had control. His doing the menial task of foot washing – the task of a slave – indicated his humble service to us all. He came not to be served but to serve. The following day he would die a slave's death. Through the bread and wine he gave us a perpetual way of recalling, entering into, and sharing in his sacrificial death. So when he says to the disciples and to us, I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you. The depth of this love is seen in his dying on the cross.

Hymn for the Offering

CH747 – Tune: Ewing

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath your contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion
all jubilant with song,
and radiant with the angels
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of those who triumph,
the song of those who feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clothed in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus in mercy bring us
to that dear land above,
where you, with God the Father
and Spirit, reign in love.

Communion Hymn

CH115 – Tune: Amor Dei

1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road;
God is where love is, for love is of God.

- 4 Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Final Hymn

CH374 – Tune: The Servant King

- 1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

- 2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

- 3 Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

- 4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Parish Heritage Fair Saturday 14 July

10 Weeks to Go!

Getting ready

1. Next *Planning Session, Sunday 27 May at Norman Park* after the Sunday Mass
2. *Safe Food Handling Workshop, 10 am Saturday 10 May*
Local and state governments are getting tight about this issue and we cannot ignore it. To protect our church the national Anglican Church has issued guidelines which we must observe to have the protection of our insurers. Robyn Casey & Janelle Read will put on a workshop on the accepted food preparation and handling procedures as set down by the Anglican Church. This is important, as a public event *we could be visited by the BCC Food Inspectors on the day* & we must be seen to be doing correct food handling practices. Janelle Read's Home – 45 Brentnall St Norman Park 3899 0967. **Please RSVP** for this on the folders provided.

Next Week's Readings

13 May 2007: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67

Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

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FROM THIS WEEK: Wall Safe for the Camp Hill Hall Keys

Next week the hall key will be relocated from the fence to a small wall safe on one of the hall veranda pillars, facing the front door. You will need to know the combination number to access this – please speak to Fr Martyn or Ann Perkins for that number.

Low gluten communion wafers

These are available for those with coeliac difficulties. If you would like to use these please mention this to Fr Martyn before the mass.

Coming Up

This Week Bible Study 7.30pm Tuesday 8 May at the home of Ann & Reg Perkins, 51 Gallipoli Road Carina.

Next Parish Council 7.30pm Thursday 24 May also at the home of Ann Perkins

Two Sundays to Go - Outing to Ormiston House Sunday 20 May

Make sure that you RSVP to the outing to Ormiston House. This was a most enjoyable event last year. Such events are also important in parish life because it gives time to be together and to strengthen our community life and our knowledge of each other.

Working Bees for the Parish

A Camp Hill 7.30am Saturday 23 June & BBQ Breakfast.

1. The area in front of the church needs to be cleaned up in readiness for new signs when our 'trade' name logo receive final approval.
2. Clear the scrub behind the Parish hall. This 'out of sight out of mind' area has grown into an impenetrable jungle and is of concern to our neighbours. In addition we have two play groups using the hall and we need to ensure the area is safe for them

B Norman Park Working Bee 7.00am Saturday 7 July

to clean up the grounds for the Parish Fair

***Visit by the Diocesan Children & Youth Ministries
8am Sunday 27 May. One Mass Only for the Parish***

Last Saturday Tessa Dredge from this department came and spoke to those in the Parish who are encouraging a new development in youth ministry. She explained some of the programmes that are available.

The decision was made that Tessa, along with some other leaders, will come and visit us at Sunday worship. This will help the whole parish to understand what is being attempted and support it through prayer and practical ways. The programmes we can plug into are:

Emmaus, which is similar to Cursillo, for young people (16-25). This provides weekends away after which they form a parish small group and meet regularly to share stories and enjoy the fellowship.

Junior Ichthus & Senior Ichthus. These are week-long, adventure-based camps. During the June/July (Senior, grades 10-12) and September (Junior, grade 7-9) holidays we offer young people the opportunity to explore their faith and their own boundaries through a series of adventure and relaxed activities. The camp is has been running for around 4 years in Brisbane and is very popular. Do keep this in your prayers.

As this day is the feast of Pentecost and the conclusion of Easter we can have a sausage sizzle breakfast in the hall afterwards.

It is also the day that the Parish planning Team will meet.

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