

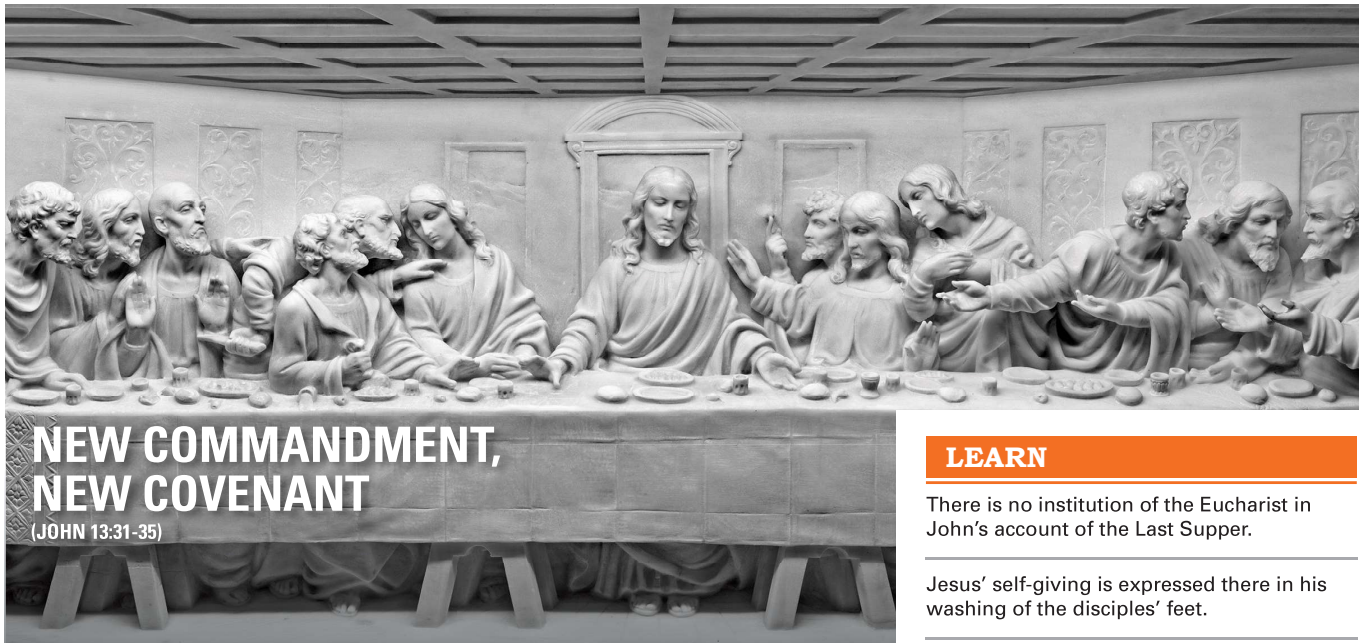
15 MAY 2022

Sunday Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 1



NEW COMMANDMENT, NEW COVENANT

(JOHN 13:31-35)

Marble relief of the Last Supper, on the altar of the Basilica di Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, Rome

In the Gospel according to John, there is no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper as we find in the versions of the Synoptic writers Mark, Matthew and Luke. The Eucharistic text is that of the feeding of the crowds. At John's Last Supper scene, the symbolic act is the washing of the disciples' feet.

In the other accounts, Jesus talks about the new covenant. Part of the covenant ritual was the imposing of commandments and, in our Gospel text today, Jesus tells the disciples that he is giving them a new commandment, which suggests the idea of a new covenant. This instruction will demand a great deal of those who accept the new relationship with God – it is to love one another, just as Jesus has loved them – but the message is directed also at those reading or listening to the Gospel.

God will be glorified in the crucifixion of Jesus, where God's love for the world will be finally revealed and Jesus will leave his disciples in the form that they have known him up to now. However, their being his disciples will continue, and the sign of this will be their love for one another. This will be the best witness to those among whom they live. ■

REFLECT

Easter is the time when we are invited to reflect on our actual relationship with the risen Jesus. For the rest of the Church's year, we are presented with Jesus' ministry and can draw lessons from that, but the Gospel of John can be more difficult, as it makes demands on us personally. At the Paschal vigil, we are asked to declare what we believe, and this can be a rather simple thing to do, to answer some questions. But when we are told that our relationship with Jesus will require some personal examination of ourselves, and possibly subsequent

change, this can be a lot more demanding, even threatening. This is not a matter of how we behave, but of the person we are, our attitude to Jesus and to each other.

During the Last Supper in John's account, Jesus says to those at table with him, "I call you friends." In one of the themes of the fourth Gospel, this means that his disciples' training is complete, and today's reading represents an important step in that process – the giving of the new commandment, which is a sign of the new covenant between God, Jesus and the disciples. If we are to be true disciples,

then we have to take this teaching of Jesus seriously.

The history of the Church can make it difficult for people to accept the message of Jesus. We have the persecution and burning of those whose opinions do not square with official doctrine; there are religious wars and bitter divisions between Christian denominations. Perhaps we might reflect on what witness we ourselves are giving today and that Jesus is not giving us advice, but a commandment. ■

LEARN

There is no institution of the Eucharist in John's account of the Last Supper.

Jesus' self-giving is expressed there in his washing of the disciples' feet.

The giving of the new commandment forms part of the making of the new covenant.

It is the disciples' relationship with one another which will be the most effective sign of their belief in Jesus.

DO

Are you at odds with any other disciple in your community? Think about what you can do to sort it out, in light of the teaching of Jesus.

SAY

**By this love, everyone
will know that you are my
disciples.**

(see John 13:35)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery
within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much
fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
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.

PSALM

Psalm 144

Response:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my
King.

or

Alleluia!

- 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.)
- 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.)
- Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 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 God-with-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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you."
Alleluia!

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)
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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme
Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah is
our song.

St John Paul II

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MASSSES and INTENTIONS: May 2022	
Sat 14th 10.30am	ST. MATTHIAS APOSTLE Margaret "Rita" O'Leary RIP
Sat 14th 11-12 noon	Confessions and Adoration Richard's family
Sat 14th 6.00pm	5th Sunday of Easter (Vigil) Special Int.
Sun 15th 8.00am	5th Sunday of Easteride The Parish
Sun 15th 10.00am	5th Sunday of Easteride and May Procession Kathleen Hanna RIP (80th Birthday)
Mon 16th 9.30am	5th week of Easteride Celia Pritchard (well being)
Tue 17th	No Public Mass here
Wed 18th 1.00pm	5th week of Easteride Nita Barry (Schofield)
Wed 18th 6.00pm	Childrens Confessions (Group 3)
Thu 19th 9.30am	St. Dunstan Bishop Margaret Malone (Birthday int.)
Fri 20th 1.00pm	5th week of Easteride Sr. Berchmans
Fri 20th 6.00pm	1st Holy Communion Mass (Group 3)
Sat 21st 10.30am	5th week of Easteride Wilson/Whitaker fam.
Sat 21st 11-12 noon	Confessions and Adoration
Sat 21st 6.00pm	6th Sunday of Easteride (Vigil) Ben Edwards RIP
Sun 22nd 8.00am	6th Sunday of Easteride The Parish
Sun 22nd 10.00am	6th Sunday of Easteride Jan Eivorio (sick)
Lately Dead	Bob Lum Kathleen Hanna
Remembrance:	Eileen Greene Claire George
Mary Juby	Margaret Faulkner Shirley Maloney
Andrew Gutowski	Theresa Wilson Fred Morgan
Antonio Mersch	Mary May Lowe
Please Pray For The Sick	
Pat England	Mary Elizabeth Fr. Michael
Celia Pritchard	Lynne Sures Am Currie
Lynne Howells	Mariusz Slancuskas Flo Brown
Margaret Skelding	Micad Jasari Nicola Merrick
Monica Cook	Joan Colley Meg Furber
Martin O'Connor	Valerie Vaughan Williams Ana Kuzba
Margaret Parks	

During Easteride we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church, Vocations, The Right Use of the Media; the Church and Human Work.

Readings for this week
Sunday Year C Psalter Week 1

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6.00pm Wendy Winterburn	Audrey Fussell
8.00am Angela Holmes	Damian Gardner
10.00am Martina Locatelli	Andrew Milne
Collections for 7th May/8th May Thank you	
1st Running of the Parish	£430.82
2nd Renovation	£817.41

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 11-12noon (Confessions)

We welcome at all Masses a representative speaking about the work of the charity Survive-Mia and making an appeal. This charity is a Catholic lay association with over 40 years experience funding essential transport to catholic missions in the developing world.



We congratulate all the children who made their First Holy Communion here on Friday evening. What a great day for them and their families. There is one more 1st Communion group on Friday 20th May and we keep them all in our prayers.



Confirmations Archbishop George Slack will be coming to the Parish on Wednesday 8th of June to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our young parishioners. This will be one of his last engagements before his retirement. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Pietly Stall Until we can hold the traditional stall again in the Narthex, goods remain available in the labelled trolley in the Sacristy, with prices clearly marked. For First Communion and Confirmation candidates there are celebratory cards and small gifts in the drawer labelled 'Parish Occasions' and a further selection of possibilities in the drawer labelled 'Rosaries and Crucifixes'. Please leave the money in either of the two top drawers. A wider range is available in the shop at Belmont Abbey. Thanks, Regina Harrison and Carola Morton.

SFX YOUNG CATHOLICS next meeting will be on Monday May 16th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We are a group of young Catholics who meet together for faith and fun. All are welcome. Why not come along?

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System.

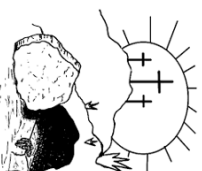


See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource. Or you can contact CAFOD Wales: southwales@cafod.org.uk

Poetry for Pleasure The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May 10.30-12.00 in the Parish Hall. The theme is Poems inspired by landscape. If you would like to join us please try to bring a few poems on this theme to share with the group. No expert knowledge required! All are welcome.

May is the Month of Mary It is a month of special devotion to Mary. Our May Procession will take place this Sunday, May 15th, after the 10am Mass. This is a wonderful and time-honoured way to honour Our Lady in her special month of May. All are invited to renew their devotion to Mary and what better way to honour her.

Tuesday of this week is the National Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. We are all encouraged to set aside a period time to pray for this intention on that day. God knows there has been much suffering throughout the world, including in the Church. Let us offer up our prayers in a spirit of penitence and hope.



He is Risen
Alleluia!

Please collect letters from basket in sacristy
Peter Fawcett and Paul Williams.

Telephone Prayer Line If you would like prayers offered for an intention, please telephone one of the names below. If you would like to join the group to pray for others we would be pleased to hear from you. See notice board in Narthex. Eileen MacGregor 01432 352 915 or Meg Furber – 01432 264560.



Synod We have received the Synod report from Cardiff and a copy is available in the Narthex. If anyone would like an online copy, please contact the office.

OTHER NOTICES

We pray for Peace in Ukraine May Our Lady of Kyiv intercede for the people of Ukraine and an end to the war.

The charity "Dementia Matters Here" is running an awareness week about dementia from 16th to 22nd May. Leaflets will be available with more information. The aim is to raise awareness and improve knowledge within our county and provide opportunities for people diagnosed with dementia to have their voices heard and access information and services. See notice in Narthex.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexisti, sicut dixisti, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.



Prayer to St. Michael Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 15th May	10.00am	Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall
Mon 16th May	7.00pm	SVP in Parish Library
Mon 16th May	7.00pm	Young Catholics in Parish Hall
Thu 19th May	10.30 to 12noon	Poetry for Pleasure. Parish Hall
Fri 20th May	6.00pm	First Holy Communion Group 3

WHAT'S COMING UP

Sun 22nd May	10.00am	Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall
Mon 6th June	12.30pm	Lunch Club in Parish Hall
Wed 8th June	7.00pm	Confirmations