

Glorification through Suffering
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."

John 13:31

It is essential to know the end of the story. Jesus knew the end when He spoke these words to the Apostles at the Last Supper right after Judas left to go and betray Him. It's important to put this situation within the context that Jesus understood it. From a purely human point of view, one of Jesus' closest friends was about to betray Him for money. For most of us this would have been devastating and the cause for anger and hurt. But because Jesus knew the end of the story, He was able to see Judas' betrayal as the means to His glorification, not His defeat. He turned His eyes toward Heaven and all that He would accomplish through His suffering rather than look at the immediate pain He would soon endure.

This is a powerful lesson for us all. First, it's essential that we look at Jesus' glorification through His betrayal, suffering and death. But we must also strive to see the potential that our own sufferings have when united to the Saviour of the World.

How do you react when another sins against you? How would you have reacted to Judas betraying your love? This is a very difficult question to face in honesty and it is even harder to live the response that Jesus lived. The truth is that every time we are mistreated by another, we are given an opportunity to glorify God and further the Kingdom of Heaven by forgiving, uniting our suffering with Christ's, and offering mercy. This is much easier to speak about than to live.

Reflect upon this scene of the Gospel. Gaze upon Judas leaving the Last Supper and going out into the night to betray our Lord. But look at it in the way Jesus saw it. Look at it with the understanding that this was the means chosen by the Father to bring salvation to the world. Reflect, also, upon every opportunity that you are given to do as Jesus did. Try to be concrete and specific and see any and every suffering you endure as a glorious opportunity to dispense the mercy of God. Though this may be difficult at first, it is this act of love that will give great glory to the Father in Heaven!

*My dear Lord, You were betrayed by the kiss of one of Your closest friends. But in Your perfect wisdom, You saw this betrayal as the perfect opportunity to glorify the Father through Your mercy and forgiveness. Lord, I also have betrayed You countless times. For that reason I am sorry. But I thank You for loving me and forgiving me with Your Heart of perfect mercy. Help me to receive that mercy and to offer it to others who have sinned against me.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Reminder about First Confession and
Communion classes starting
Wednesday 25 May, 6:00pm- 6:50pm.**

In preparation for First Confession & Communion, we will have six Wednesday evening lessons in the hall near the church, on the upper floor.

For these lessons, a parent or guardian needs to attend with your child.

After the lessons, you are all invited and encouraged to come to 7:00pm Mass, followed by Adoration, up to 8pm.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all who supported the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal last weekend. If you have returned your envelope this weekend or would still like to donate please use the envelopes provided and place it in any of the collections at mass. **Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts will be issued for the 2021/22 financial year.** Donations to this appeal also help our parish meet it's annual Charitable Works Fund quota. Your support to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

Catechists Needed

Our Parish is in desperate need of volunteers to train as Catechists to assist once a week for a 30-minute lesson at Harcourt Public School, Campsie Public School and Canterbury South Public School.

All training is provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and all lessons can be arranged free of charge at St Mel's Parish Hall.

This is truly a rewarding ministry teaching children the faith and joining them on their Sacramental journey. If you would like to enquire or need any further information, please call the Parish Office.

Support Your Parish Online

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting our Parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10am
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
Wednesday: 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8pm.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: 4pm to 4:45pm Saturday.
Baptisms: By arrangement: please call Parish Office or download an application form from the Parish website at: www.stmelcampsie.org.au
Weddings: By arrangement with at least three months' notice.
Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass (7:30-8:00pm)
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary; ends at 10am.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Monday 2nd May St Athanasius (Bishop, Doctor)
Tuesday 3rd May Saints Philip and James (Apostles)
Thursday 12th May Saints Nereus & Achilleus (martyrs), St Pancras (martyr)
Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 14th May St Matthias
Wednesday 18th May St John I (Pope, martyr)
Friday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena (priest)
Saturday 21st May St Christopher Magallanes (priest and companions, martyrs)
Tuesday 24th May Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
Wednesday 25th May St Bede the Venerable (priest, Doctor) St Gregory VII (Pope)
St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Carmelite nun, virgin)
Thursday 26th May St Philip Neri (priest)
Friday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury (Bishop)
Sunday 29th May The Ascension of the Lord
Tuesday 31st May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God*

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 Rv 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.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL Jn 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.'

Prayers for the sick

If you have any names of seriously sick people you want listed in the bulletin, please send their names to the parish office. When you have a Mass offered for the sick, on the envelope you can tick the "Yes" box for inclusion in the bulletin. Of course, email the parish office when the sick person has recovered! After some time we will remove all the names that have built up, and ask you to send their names again if still needed.

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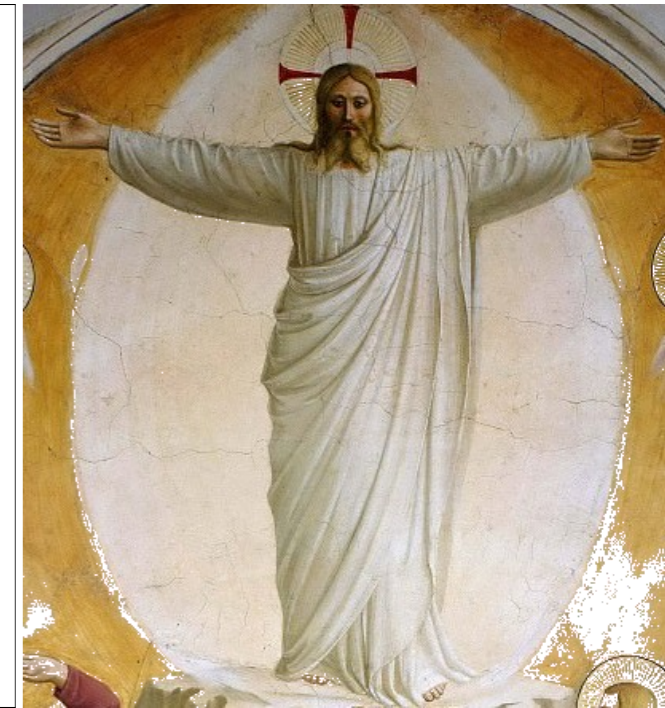
Regina Caeli

(said in place of the *Angelus* during Easter-tide)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

***We remember in our Masses***

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish.

Recently deceased: Damon Charles Miller, Minda Derro, Jerald Elias, Armando Andaya.

We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed: Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Asorl Abboud, Tony & Barbara Aboud, Shaheen family members, Assad Jabour Hanna, Riham Abou Serhal, Georges Azzi, Vincent Samuel, Pamela Jones, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Zacharia Sumanto, Maurice Malipe Sahabu, Ida Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Elizabeth Sumini, Terry D'Souza, Sr. Marie Martha, Mark Scibberas, Jacob Raphael, Louis Jacques Ferres, Caterina Repice, Eren Yik Paang Wong, Zenaida Tuico Vitorino Jesus Santos, Antonio Ramos, Mrs Aida Camilleri, Maria Do Carmo, Manuel Outeirinho, Simon & Josephine Gitanny, Dorothy Stanton, Freda Budwee, Jennifer Blair, Genevieve Zoghbi Zeaiter, Luigi Zampino, Emanuel & Carmen Spiteri, Lennox Lolesio, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Tony & Victor Karam, Jhottos & Rosemont Moses, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, Brian Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Tunis & Salima Abraham.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dinh Tien Sung, Elias Adoni, Rosa Dao, Giuseppe Tilocca, Rosa Hoang, Jamil Moses, Fersan Farhart, Frank Stanton, Ramez and Rada Constantine, Danilo Tuico, Fahim, Jeanette Elias, Elias Makhlof, Nakad families, Mitch Daniel, Huggette Moses, Teofisto and Maura Mandanas, Victor Samuel, Francis Samia, Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Santos, Alex Henriquez, Jose and Maria Odete Da Silva, Fortunato Murdica, Hend El-Daher, Anthony Samuel. **Lord, may they rest in peace.**