



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

18th May 2025

Sunday Reflection

On many Sundays during the year, it's easy to connect the first reading and the Gospel, but the connection between the Gospel and the second reading often seems elusive. But today's reading from Revelation is an exception to that general rule.

To appreciate today's Gospel reading, it's essential to recognise that it occurs just after the scene we heard about on Holy Thursday when Jesus washed the feet of his twelve apostles. By this stage, Jesus knew what was about to happen to him. But to show the type of love that he expected of his twelve apostles, he was prepared to abase himself and take on a responsibility typically left to a slave – namely, washing the feet of his followers. He did this knowing full well all their weaknesses and future failings. He knew Judas was about to betray him, but he humbled himself to wash this man's feet! He knew, too, that Thomas would doubt the fact of Jesus' resurrection. Despite knowing this, he washed Thomas, the doubter's, feet. Even Peter, who Jesus had chosen to lead his apostles after he had left them, would denounce him three times. But to show his unfailing love, Jesus washed his feet as well.

Immediately after all this had occurred and Judas had left the group to fulfil his fateful mission, Jesus begins, as we read today, what we call his "farewell discourse", a conversation with the remaining eleven apostles about what was to become of him and how he expected them to conduct themselves as a community after his death. It's a conversation that takes up the following four chapters of this Gospel, filled with a dense discussion about Jesus' relationship with his Father, how he would leave them to return to his Father, and how he would send the Holy Spirit after he was gone.

But in line with his preparedness to abase himself in washing their feet, he now speaks tenderly to them, calls them his little children, and gives them a new commandment, a rule for their life as a community. He says:

Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another (Jn 13:34).

Jesus' words, "as I have loved you", are in the past tense. But Jesus also indicates the type of love he will show for them and us by his death on the cross a few hours later.

This act of love that Jesus showed for our world on the cross connects the Gospel and today's passage from the Book of Revelation.

We so often hear the words "God so loved the world that He sent His Only Son" (Jn 3:16) that we are tempted to skim over the words "the world" as if they're unimportant. But the Book of Revelation tells us otherwise. Our stay in heaven is meant to be temporary, not eternal. Our ultimate destination is not "otherworldly", but quite properly lies in our reconstituted, material world.

That's why the Book of Revelation describes the end times, with its joining of heaven and earth, in these words: 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 (Rev 21:2).

This world we experience now will be utterly transformed, but it will still be a physical reality. The Book of Revelation tells us that the sea, the traditional biblical source of all peril, is no more. Death is no longer a permanent expectation. Grief and pain are gone. The dwelling place of God is with human beings. As the reading says quite clearly:

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 (Rev 21:3).

The Book of Revelation tells us that God will "make the whole of creation new" (Rev 21:5), to make this point even more transparent. The word order is crucial here. God is not making a new creation but transforming our existing one.

That's why Jesus asks his disciples to base their Christian communities on selfless love, because "by this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (Jn 13:35).

Our life after death with God in heaven is only a waypoint in our spiritual journey. The foundation of our faith is not what happens in our "life after death". Instead, as one scripture scholar has pithily pointed out, our main concern should be what happens in our "life after life after death", that is, what happens at the time of the last judgement and the general resurrection. That's why we profess in the Nicene Creed:

I look forward to the resurrection of the body
And the life of the world to come.

Our creed clearly doesn't say the life of the "heaven to come" but the "world to come", echoing the biblical tradition of the Book of Revelation and as foretold by the prophets such as Isaiah, and as found even in the Book of Genesis, where God saw everything that he had created not only to be good, but very good.

That's why the Gospel of John's farewell discourse is so long and insistent on the need to practice this new commandment, even now, in anticipation of this future world.

Are we people of love? Unfortunately, too often, we're not! War, violence, and brutal domination, rather than love, dominate so many parts of our world, especially now. Rather than living in communities of compassion and kindness, humans often set themselves against their neighbours as they pursue their own well-being.

Jesus' message to each of us remains as clear today as it was two thousand years ago, namely:
Love one another; just as I have loved you (Jn 13:34).

- Deacon Paul Crowe (Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide
Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside
Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney
Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich
Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

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Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.

Regular Mass Timings



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St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses **Sat** : 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,
 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses **Mon - Fri**: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm
 Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions **Mon, Wed, Fri**: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm
 Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour **Tues**: 6.30pm, **Fri**: 11am

Public Holidays 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral
Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am **Sun**: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | **Vigil**: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | **Confessions**: 9.30am
Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, **Fri**: 11am **Confessions**: 11.30am
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | **Vigil**: 6pm
Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)
4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

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.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27.

Responsorial Psalm: 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.

Universal Prayer Response: Christ, graciously hear us.

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.

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Next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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Liturgies & Activities (19th-25th May)

Tue St Bernadine of Siena
Wed St Christopher Magallanes and Companions
Thu St Rita of Cascia
Sat Our Lady, Help of Christians (Patroness of Australia)
Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Domenica L Musico, Naomi Triumfante Canonoy, Mary Redmond.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Loretta Fernandes, Pilar Lopez, Adam family, Zadei family, Khurie family, Evaristo Sturma, Theresa Tu Nguyen Ngoc, Roger Duncan, Jozef Grygierczyk, Wilfredo Andanar, Clarita Robin, Mario Baggio, Mares,

Queen of Angels: Domenica Zampgona, Giovanni Parente, Ielasi family, Anna Marafioti, Pasquale Portolesi, Gisueppe Portolesi, John Cirillo, Fortunato Rillotta, Giuseppe Perre, Maria Catanzariti, Rosa and Maria Mittiga, Caterina Mittiga, Rocco Mittiga, Carmela Costa, Elena Cavalora, Antonietta Virgaro, Matilda Spinella, Ross and Santina Lendini

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Elvira Albanozzo, Xavier Albanozzo, Connie Isola, Eileen Evans, Denise Roberts, Nancy Maude Loan, John Geoffrey Green and Wally Juttner.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Carmel Waters, Joseph Vilums, Patricia Sampson, John Rochette, Nell & Doug Dollman, Marjorie Cooke and Desma & Wilma Semmler.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Trevor, Cecilia Zulueta, Araceli Suzara, Fidel Ruivivar, Carol Giles, Antonio Romeo, Angelina Musico, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Jennifer, Joshua Jose, Madison Musico, William Hemmeld, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Baby Otilie Sheens, Steve Gleeson, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

May: The Month of our Lady

The North Adelaide— Prospect Parish invites all during the month of May for a series of enlightening talks on Mary, **held every Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church** Parish Hall, 17 Barker Rd, Prospect.

May 14: Mary at the Annunciation - Fr Anthony Walsh OP

May 21: The Queenship of Mary - Fr Mannes Tellis OP

May 28: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven - Fr Mannes Tellis OP

18 May: St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place this weekend 17/18 May in all churches of our Parish. We appeal to all our parishioners to support the appeal generously. Envelopes to support the SVDP appeal are also available at the entrance of the church.

20 May: 2025 CESA Religious Leaders Day

All parish priests and parish volunteers are invited to attend an event with guest speaker **Tony Alonso**, whose keynote address will focus on the Eucharist and Liturgical Music. To be held at the Glenelg Golf Club on May 20, the event is in collaboration with Catholic Education SA's Religious Leaders Day. Scan the QR code for registration details and RSVP by May 15. Lunch is provided.

Enquiries to Community Life & Worship on 8210 8107 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

22 May: Dulwich Knitting Group

The next meeting of the Dulwich Knitting Group for 2025 will be on Thursday, May 22nd. With the cooler weather approaching, many have been looking forward to our start date to enable us to reconnect socially and simultaneously help others, as we make rugs for those in our community who are feeling the cold. We meet in the St Peter Claver Church Hall, Stuart Road, Dulwich, diagonally opposite the Church. Car parking is available in the church carpark. Join us at any time after 10.30am. We warmly welcome parishioners and their friends to come to knit, chat, enjoy morning tea, or simply to be in the company of others. We have the materials you will need, if you choose to knit. All are welcome.

Dates for the year are as follows:

26 June, 24 July, 28 August and 25 September; the fourth Thursday of each month. We are very grateful for any donations of 8 ply wool, as we need 28 squares to make one adult sized rug and we combine the work of many knitters. Wool donations can be placed in the box at the northern side entrance to St Peter Claver Church, or left at the Parish Office. For further information, contact Julie 0468 636 190.

24 May: Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens Tour Laudato Si' Week Event

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you for a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2025. The event will occur on Saturday May 24 from 1pm-3pm. Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DADBH>

24 May: Mystagogia Mass at the Cathedral for New Catholics

An invitation is extended to all newly baptised and those newly received into full communion into the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, together with their sponsors and loved ones, to attend the Mass for new Catholics, the Mystagogia Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. The Mass will be on Saturday 24 May at 6pm to celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Tea/Coffee will follow in the parish hall. Our new Catholics are encouraged to wear white, symbolising their baptism and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance before May 22 through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LPzdLEXWU8>

25 May: The Theological Virtues Series

The Cathedral Young Adults Group invites all young adults to our next gathering: 'Boardgame night'. This will be a great opportunity for the young adults in our parish to gather and connect. We will also share information on how to help each other to get involved actively in the church ministries. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 25th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall. Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-39 years. Do contact Shereen at 0450045148 if you have further enquiries. **The Youth Group and its activities are open for people ages 18-35 ONLY.**

08 June: Feast of St Kizito and St Charles Lwanga & Companions

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Kizito and St Charles Lwanga & Companions Mass on Sunday 8 June at 2.30pm, at the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. St Kizito is the Patron Saint of primary school students and St Charles Lwanga the Patron Saint of youth. Young people please come to this Mass and join in the entrance procession by carrying a flame. For more information contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

28 June: Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at Sevenhill

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St. Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday, 28th June where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register your interest at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or scan the QR code. Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!



June: Community Life and Worship Team workshops

You are invited to join in two free workshops presented by the Pastoral Services Team.

1. Creating a Welcoming Parish: Tuesday 3 June from 7-9 pm in the Cathedral Hall. Suitable for PPC members, hospitality groups, priests, parish staff; providing practical strategies and tips in developing a welcoming parish. Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMD>
2. Volunteer Recruitment and Retention: Tuesday June 17, from 7-9pm in the Cathedral Hall. Suitable for PPC members, parish priests, parish staff, and program coordinators in parishes. A practical workshop that explores best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers within the life of the parish. Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMM>

Latin Mass Community

The annual Marian Procession will take place today beginning at 2pm in Victoria Park.

1st Holy Communion and Confirmation classes continue today at 11am.

Scripture class continues at 7.30pm on Monday.

Catechism and Youth Group meet this Friday.

The Annual May Crowning will take place after the 9.15am mass next Sunday, 24th May. Please bring a flower to give Our Lady.

Fr Sofatzis returns from annual leave in a fortnight.

Archbishop O'Regan has approved the construction of a small Reconciliation Garden in the SE corner of the Holy Name site (near the gate into the park). This has resulted in the loss of some parks on the lawned area by the creek. Thank you for your understanding.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church or the grounds without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr McCaffrey or Fr Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Elizabeth Balan, Mary Walsh (Margaret Antonas' sister) Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiote, and Tony Caruso. Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Cathedral Car Park and Staircase Driveway on the Cathedral lawns and Driveway in the Underground Car park

All pedestrians and parents with baby strollers must use **ONLY** the carpark staircase when entering and exiting the underground carpark. Using the carpark ramp as a pedestrian walkway or for baby strollers is a major safety hazard. Please avoid doing so.

Please do not double park your vehicle in the underground car park driveway. Blocking the safe entry and exit of vehicles during Weekend Masses and is a major safety hazard. Parking on the driveway of the Cathedral lawns is also prohibited at all times. **Both offences will result in a fine of \$400.**

Both driveways (underground car park and on the lawns) must be free for movement of vehicles at all times. **Please note that the Cathedral lawns and underground car park are monitored by cameras at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Adelaide Cathedral Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a growing group of primary school-aged students who usually sing on the third Sunday of each month at the 9am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. We are always welcoming new members from 5-12 years of age. Please email the Cathedral Music Team at music@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information.



Jubilee Year Prayer

(will be prayed before the final blessing)

*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.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.

Fr Peter Milburn: 60th Anniversary

Fr Peter Milburn invites fellow priests, friends and people who knew him in the various parishes where he has worked over the years to a concelebrated Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination. The Mass will be held at noon on Sunday 6 July at St John XXIII Modbury Parish Centre, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley; followed by a light lunch, provided by Fr Peter. No presents are requested, however your 'presence' will be very welcome! For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to Sindi on 8264 7590 or office@paramodcath.com.au by May 30.

Working with Children Check for all new and existing Volunteers of the Parish

The requirement for everyone 14 years and older to have a valid Working with Children Check. Please contact the Church Volunteer associated with your church to lodge/renew your application:

St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral: Susan Wainwright, Deacon Paul Crowe

Cathedral African Community: Clement Kuek

Queen of Angels: Maria Iadanza

Holy Name: Maria Iadanza (English/Italian) and Fr. Michael McCaffrey (Latin)

Peter Claver Dulwich: Fr. Matthew Newman

St. John Vianney: Fr. Matthew Newman

St. Mary's North Adelaide: Michelle Dinning

Please contact the parish office on **82108155** or email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au for further information.