

## Collects for May

**5 May:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**12 May:** O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**19 May:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**26 May:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORRENTO AND RYE

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St Andrew's Lyons St  
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## May 2019

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## May Readings (Includes 2 June)

### 5 May

Acts 9.1-6 PS 30 Revelation 5.6-14 John 21.1-19

### 12 May

Acts 9.36-43 PS 23 Revelation 7.9-17 John 10.22-30

### 19 May

Acts 11.1-18 PS 148 Revelation 21.1-16 John 13.31-35

### 26 May

Acts 16.9-15 PS 67 Revelation 21.10-14, 21.22-22.5 John 14.23-29

### 2 June

Acts 16.16-34 PS 97 Revelation 22.12-22 John 17.20-26

# Weekly Diary

- Sundays:** 08:30am - Eucharist at St John's Sorrento  
10:30am - Eucharist at St Andrew's Rye
- Tuesdays:** 09:30am – Ladies Craft Group - St Andrew's  
**Tuesdays:** 09:30am – Bible Study at St John's Fellowship Room
- Wednesdays:** 08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew's  
10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew's  
10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew Rye
- Thursdays:** 08:15 -09:15 Bread Café  
09:30am - Playgroup - St Andrew's
- Fridays:** 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's

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## Parish News



**Bread Cafe St Andrew's Church is open and thriving!** Come along and enjoy the coffee, tea, toast, friendliness ... and remember that on the First Thursday of each month at 08:15 it's a cooked brekkie. All invited! God is growing the café.

**Trading table at St Andrew's Rye:** Next one is first Sunday in May.

**Saturday Morning Parish Breakfast:** Fr Ray Kenny is still asking if someone would like to take over organising this. Please let him know if you are.

**NEXUS: Tuesday, 14 May at 2pm:**

A visit to see Wilma and John at Ti Tree Lodge, Balaka Street, Capel Sound. Afternoon will be tea provided.

**Pew Sheet deadline:**

The deadline for June is 17 May.

**Parish Council:**

Meets this month on Tuesday, 21 May at 7pm.

**The Ascension of Christ:**

Holy Communion service will be held at St Andrew's Rye at 10:00am.

**We hold close in prayer:**

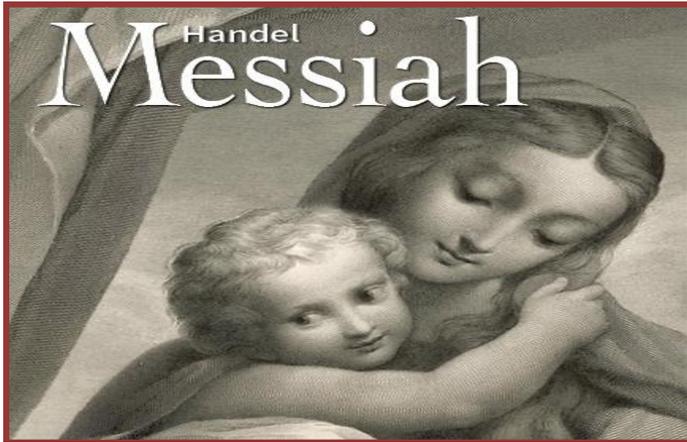
Kate and Florence. David Gibbons. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. Gavin Johnstone (Lesle Gibbon's son). David Johnston. June and Bill Williamson. Lesle Gibbons. Betty Hartshorne.

**More widely we pray for:**

The community living at Rye Sands Care Home. Those who worship at the Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris and Australia as it prepares to elect a government.

**Giving Thanks:**

Each month Fr Nick is asking us all to give thanks for one particular aspect of our ministry and witness by holding an individual or group in prayerful thanksgiving to God. This month we pray for the new choir at St John Sorrento and the existing choir at St Andrew Rye.



### **Handel's Messiah:**

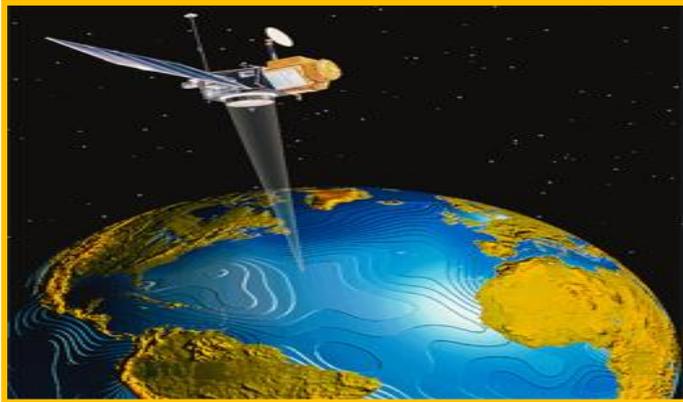
Two performances at St John's Sorrento 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 pm.

These chamber performances of Handel's beloved oratorio come to us via 20 international singers and instrumentalists from Germany. A wonderful opportunity to hear a fresh and buoyant performance of this work.

Tickets available now on [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)—search for Messiah Sorrento and book on line. Enquiries- please phone: 0408 316 938.



***“God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.***



Every second we earthlings receive messages from space. Satellites orbit earth's atmosphere enabling us to stay in contact with each other by telephone and computer. When I speak to my family in the UK I am awestruck that what we say to each other is instantaneously being bounced around the planet from satellite to satellite.

The week before Holy Week and all of Holy Week the internet and the landline phone at the vicarage was out-of-action. Frustratingly, TPG blamed NBN and NBN blamed TPG. Neither party was willing to take responsibility. The fault seemed far off from being resolved. I was powerless and at the mercy of the provider.

We rejoice that God has taken responsibility to send us messages of love and assurances that everything is going to be OK regardless of how bleak and hopeless life seems. The death and resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit is a sure sign and guarantee that God is in constant contact with us and hasn't abandoned us. He has resolved to fix us and our world rather than blame us. His is the mercy. His is the power to save. We have no power to be saved other than His. All praise and glory to Him. Alleluia!

*Fr Nick*