Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business: I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

5 May 2024

THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an edited story of the encounter of Peter and Cornelius. It is worth reading the full episode of Chapter 10. What we have is enough to relate the momentous occasion when Peter, a Jew, enters the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. This is significant of itself, laying aside any impropriety. More than this, Peter declares that God shows no partiality. It doesn't matter whether Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Simultaneously with Peter speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all the audience, Jews and Gentiles alike.

In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, remain in my love.' This invitation to abide or remain in God's love opens the command to love one another which is ever more poignant in light of the inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer servants, indicating the closeness of their relationship, their walking together and their collaboration in the work of Jesus. Yet we know even today there are barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also acknowledges but urges us to find a way forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love' could be our mantra so the love of God is enacted to everyone we meet. How can we seek to be inclusive of all who seek God? How do we develop our ecumenical relationships and outreach to all those whom God desires to be welcomed?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps

M Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

- R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (or Alleluia!)
- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. R.
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. R.
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. R.



SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



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MASS TIMES

- Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun: 8.00am,10.00am,6.00pm
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday Saturday: 8.30am

Sixth Week of Easter YR B

05 Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter

06 Mon: No Mass

07 Tues: 6th week of Easter 08 Wed: 6th week of Easter 09 Thu: 6th week of Easter 10 Fri: 6th week of Easter 11 Sat: 6th Week of Easter/Vigil The Ascension of the Lord

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
 - *For Baptisms & Weddings* Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- Bible Studies: Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- RCIA: Tuesday @7.15pm.
- Children's RE/Sacrament Prep: Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS



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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR B

I CALL YOU FRIENDS. We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER						
Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	
Saturday 11 th May 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		A Correya P Timms	C Lopera G Ottaway	A McPherson D Patrick J Nofal A Khoo	
Sunday 12 th May 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	R Bennett	D Rodrigues M Smith	P Subrata D P Sekulla	C Rozario	
Sunday 12 th May 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	Joy Intervencion	In-in Intervencion N Barker	J Branchi M Bijoux	R Vadakkel S Barker A Megee	
Sunday 12 th May 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		M Ward S Irene	V Borja B Ryan	M Lanarolle J Mai	

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACTS

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. May 4th 2024: O Felmingham 5A Markham Way, High Wycombe & S & R Garcia 15 Chester St. Belmont.

Holy Water - Now Available

Holy Water will be available from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

Working with Children Card

Again just a reminder for all those that hold a WWC Card, please check the expiry date. You can renew it online or forms are available at the parish office. It is a requirement by the Archdiocese that all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Choir Leaders & Catechists have a current WWC Card to carry out their ministries.

Parish Youth Group

Will meet on the 4th Friday of every month commencing on 24th May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. More details as the date gets closer. Expressions of Interest list has been placed at both sides of the church.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 6

We have a change in leader this week, and alot of entrants picked 8 winners, no points are awarded fro draws. 47pts: R Harrison 46pts: K McLean, Fr Ian, P McLean, 45pts: N Blake & K McLean.

Annual Mass Count - May 2024

During the month of 'MAY' we are required to record how many people attend our weekend celebrations. We are looking for volunteers to help with Mass count. There is a sign up sheet school side entrance of the church for you to place your name at which Mass or Masses you can assist at. Thank you in advance.

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024 4/5th May 2024

This weekend's Mission Appeal invites you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at

www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

Donation envelopes can be placed in the Second Colletion basket.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall Morning tea is to be held in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses this morning. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale. 'Cash Only'. All proceeds to the PBF.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762 E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or

https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/. Next online Sessions foR 'MAY': Tuesday 7th @ 7pm, Tuesday 14th May @ 2pm. Attend in person Armadale Parish Thursday 9th May 1.30pm or 6.30pm.

Vocations Office – Short Stories on YouTube

A collection of short stories from St Charles Seminarians on how they answered God's unique call to commence their vocation journey into ordained ministry has been released on youtube. Movie Tickets available at both entrances on how you can view these stories.

St Charles Seminary Open Day – Sunday May 5th A Priesthood Vocation Day for men aged of 17 years and above at St Charles Seminary in Guildford from 9am to 1.30pm including brunch. This Open Day will answer questions about the Seminary and discernment into the Priesthood. For more information email stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au call 08 92791310

40 Hours Eucahristic Adoration 30th May – 1st June St Anne's Belmont - Latin Community, 11 Hehir St, Belmont. Expressions of Interest or Register your Timeslot E: stannes40@gmail.com See notice board for all information.

Notre Dame Community

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Edward & Judith Saldanha, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon

Fletcher, Margaret Stevens, Marina Long, Thelma Lopez, Daisy Westerhout, Nicola Ruscitto, Denzil DeVisser, recently deceased Wilton Ottaway and all souls in Purgatory.

Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.