



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

5 MAY 2024

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 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.*



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

6th Sunday Easter – 5 May 2024- Year B

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

REFLECTION: 6th Sunday Easter –

Guido and St Pope John XXIII: There is a great story told about Pope John XXIII (Now Saint). He had a good friend Guido who everyday would bring him the newspaper. On a particular day the newspaper had a truly horrible article about the Pope in it: It was front page and so Guido loving the Pope as he did hid the newspaper. The Pope came in. "Guido" he said, "There is no paper today?" "Agha no your Holiness" said Guido. "It did not come" "Agha" said the Pope. "That is a real shame because there is a horrible article in there and it's going to be upsetting. If you had been able to give the paper this morning, I would have known the joy of your comfort", said the Pope. The Pope of course knew exactly what Guido had done. So often this is exactly how it is with you and I. Francis Thompson (1859-1907) wrote a poem "The Hound of Heaven" and in it he said this "I fled Him down the nights and down the days. I fled Him down the arches of the years. I fled Him down the labyrinthian ways of my mind and in

despair hid from Him." Are they not horrible words? "I allowed myself to forego the comfort of God." You and I so often when we go to God, we avail ourselves of the opportunity of knowing the comfort of God. Why stay away from Him? Here is another truth, beautiful divine truth. You and I have within us the capacity to comfort the heart of God. Anyone who loves as God does needs comfort. How do we do that? Well I would like to give you a little tip. How about this week just sitting with Him for a few minutes every day with no other agenda but allowing the unspoken words in your heart, your words of comfort to speak to the unspoken need in God.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: The total amount raised for Caritas Australia from our Parish for 2024 is \$4027.20! Thank you so much for your support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. As we hear almost daily, the increased cost of living is affecting many of us. Many costs are up significantly, including food, clothing, insurance

and especially rent. For some in our local community, it means that they simply don't have enough money to buy food or cloths for their children. Our members continue to visit around 10 households per week and we're able to assist families with food, clothing and furniture from our second-hand store. Without the generous donations from our parishioners, we would not be able to help as much as we do. We really appreciate the generous donations placed in the built-in cash box just inside the church entrance. This an immediate and direct positive impact on our community members in need. Thanks once again for your ongoing support. Ian Digney, SVDP Hilton President, 0428 121 152.

FLU SEASON IS HERE: Parishioners, Covid variant virus is still with us, and we are approaching Flu Season. If you are unwell, please stay home until you are recovered. We can show care for self and others in the community.

CHARITY CONCERT WITH FR FOB

GALEA: An evening with Fr Rob Galea. Thursday 9 May 2024. Doors open 5.30pm. The concert commences 6pm and is estimated to conclude at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20. Corpus Christi College, David Health Gymnasium, 50 Murdoch Drive, Bateman. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to Caritas Australia and LifeLink WA. Parking is available on the College Oval. Please follow signage.



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RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham Lynch.

"TIME TO CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD":

St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, **5 May 2024**, calling all interested males from the age of 17 years and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and 'look and see'. Details may be found on the flyer on the notice

board or St Charles Seminary website:

www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day... "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit" – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.

LIFTED UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

A violin & piano recital on **Sunday 12 May 2024** from 3pm in the Braham Auditorium at Trinity College, East Perth. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grandmum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin & Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of other mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness at the House of Mercy refuge in Mongolia. To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU> Online bookings are essential because seating is limited. For further details contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

PRIEST and SECRETARY TEMPORARY OFFICE:

Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's Offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm. All welcome.

HOLY HOUR: Please note new time for Holy Hour is 3-4pm. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4 May

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

6th Sunday Easter

Saturday 4 May

6pm Mass: Dianne De Olival (RIP)

Sunday 5 May

7.30am Mass: Missa Pro Populo, Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

9am Mass: Stephen Randall (RIP), Horace Thompson (RIP) & Intention of Donor

3-4pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 7 May

9am Mass: Bob Connell (RIP), Horace Thompson

Wednesday 8 May

9am Mass: John Randall (RIP)

10am Funeral Mass: Mea Ethel Hewitt (RIP)

Thursday 9 May

9am Mass: In Thanksgiving, Horace Thompson

Friday 10 May

9am Mass: In Honour of Sacred Heart – Precious Blood



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 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