

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (JB)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20)

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'. Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come'. Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 (NRSV)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.
whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine,
but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

"You heard me say to you,
'I am going away, and I am coming to you.'
If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The New Jerusalem

The scene described in the second reading takes place after the world has been destroyed and evil utterly vanquished. There is now a 'new heaven and a new earth' (21:1). Next, the visionary John sees 'Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven'. This city, like the new heaven and earth, is entirely the work of God. In the new age, God is the absolute origin of all things. Our reading omits the city's massive dimensions - a perfect cube over nine miles in each direction! It has multiple gates, signifying easy access; the twelve gates represent the twelve tribes of Israel, while the twelve courses of stone that form its foundation are inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles. The structure, then, represents the people of God in their fullness - yet the city is not identified with the people. The visionary expresses some surprise at not seeing a Temple - and this is indeed remarkable. Every city in the ancient world had at least one temple. For Israel its single Temple, matching its belief in one God, was the sign on earth of God's presence among them (see Easter 4). It was a visible sign of the invisible God, the nexus between heaven and earth, the meeting place for God and humanity. It had graded areas of holiness corresponding to the holiness of individuals. Moving outward from the centre: the Holy of Holies accessible only to the High Priest, then the Holy Place for priests, then the Court of (Israelite) Men, then the Court of Women, and finally, furthest away, the Court of Gentiles. Access to God was closely guarded. But, in this City, there is no Temple! Why? The 'Lord God almighty and the Lamb' dwell there with unrestricted access for everyone. Whereas in the old city the Temple represented God's presence, now God's actual presence replaces the Temple. The radiance of the divine presence also replaces sun and moon: there is no more darkness. This vision fulfils the promise of Jesus in the gospel: Jesus and God will dwell with those who keep Jesus' words.

Welcome

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday

St Brendan's: 29th May, Lay led@9:30am

Minister: A Ruddell

Commentator: C Finlay

Reader: B Allatt/C Grist

St Joseph's 29th May@10:30:

Family: Sherman

Minister: J Sherman

Leaders: B&R Whytcross

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES: May

St Brendan's: H Holland & J O'Dowd

St Joseph's: A Convery & A Osborne

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ANNIVERSARIES: Betty O'Brien, Janice McDonald,
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**Those seeking our prayers for
healing and well being.**

***Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson.***



Pope's intention for May:

For faith-filled young people: **We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.**



Reminder there will not be any church service at St Joseph's this Sunday. All are invited to attend Mass at St Brendan's at 5pm

The Prayer of Saint Brendan the Navigator

Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be stronger than each storm within me. I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in Your hand. Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow, make my obedience count for You.

Amen

St. Brendan is an early Irish monastic saint and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. Scholars are unsure, but Saint Brendan may have been born in Tralee, County Kerry Ireland in AD 484. Saint Ita played a role in his education, and Bishop Erc ordained him. He also became a monk at Clonfert. That is all we know for sure. A legendary book entitled 'Navigation' had him searching for the "Isles of the Blessed" going even so far as the Canary Islands and America. At most, it is believed, he may have traveled to Scotland and Wales. His Feast Day is May 16.

More information can be found on wikipedia.org.



Legion of Mary Reflection Day – May 27, 2022

The Legion of Mary will host a "Day of Reflection" on Friday, May 27, 2022 in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Father Nathan Rawlins of St Peter's Parish, Epping, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to participate in this event. The day will start at 9.15 am and finish at 3.15 pm and will be held in the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16-24, 2022

Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Common Prayer for the 7th Anniversary of Laudato Si' (also attached)

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
 You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.
 You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.
 Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
 Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,
 but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
 May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.
 Be present to those in need in these trying times,
 especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.
 Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity
 so that we may experience a true conversion of heart.
 Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.
 Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good. Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.
 Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
 May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
 Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
 we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 We pray for the people of Ukraine.
 We pray for peace and the
 laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
 That your Spirit of comfort would
 draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power of war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your
 precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus,
 the Prince of Peace. Amen

