

## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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**SUNDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**DEATHS:** Dulcie Crick, Graeme Fuller

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Patricia Kinsman, Thomas Murphy, Catherine Briody, Fr Kevin Smith, Fr Denis McCarthy, Brian Molloy, Lorna Pearce, Michael O'Connor, Barry Torney, Graeme Taylor, Anthony Hare, Ian Stanley, Dr Cyril Checchi, Nando Rosini, Maurice Mahony, Leon Martin, Barb Grant/Wood, Norm Bain & Jenny Cuthbertson.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy, Tony Collins and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTER:**

#### ***Introduction & Reading***

Today: John Jess

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Jim Mahony.

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Today: Carita Clancy

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Charlie Franc

#### ***Assembly Leaders***

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy.

#### ***Special Minister***

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Gail Hall

#### ***Music***

Today: Sue Mahony

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers***

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess.

#### ***Church Grounds***

May 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: Bill Franc & John Jess

#### ***Newsletter***

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### **MASS TIMES**

May 21<sup>st</sup> **LLA 10.00 am**

**MASS COUNTS CONTINUE TODAY and every Sunday for May.**

### ***Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2023***

The first edition of ODC 2023 is available for collection. Parishioners are encouraged to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

[A prayer from this week's Responsorial Psalm:](#)

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Pope's intention for May - for church movements and groups:** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms (spiritual gifts) at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

### **MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE:**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For details, itinerary and application form please contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or 89124818.

### **MOTHERS' DAY BLESSING:**

Loving God, we ask you to bless all women on this Mothers' Day. Fill them with warmth that through them we may also experience that gentleness and compassion. Fill them with strength so that when we are low we may be encouraged by them. Help us, the sons and daughters of these Mothers, so that we may always love, honour and respect them. We pray too for the mothers of the members of this congregation, who have gone before us. May they enjoy eternal peace in the Kingdom of God. May we be enriched by the memory of their faithfulness and love.

And may the blessing of all mighty God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon all Mothers and all of us for ever and ever Amen.

# Happy Mothers' Day

**PPC MEETING THURS MAY 18 at 6 PM**

### **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another  
Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my  
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer  
see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments

and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by

my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

14 MAY 2023

## I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

One of the most touching phrases in John’s Gospel is Jesus’ promise before his death that he would not leave his disciples orphans. The quality of his presence among them would change after the resurrection. In the future the Spirit would be the one instructing, strengthening, and protecting disciples. Jesus promises that whoever receives his commandments will be loved by the Father. This promise is fulfilled when the Samaritans become believers through Philip’s ministry of preaching and healing. Samaritans were considered heretical Jews, but their positive reception of the word prompted the Jerusalem community to think again and to send Peter and John to welcome them into the larger community. The gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands is the sign of God’s blessing and of their full incorporation into the growing Christian family.

The first letter of Peter was written in a time of great trial and opposition. How were Christians going to respond to false charges against them? How were they able to give a credible account of their Christian faith? These early Christians were urged to remain steadfast and true to their values and belief. Like them, we are encouraged to find our source of strength in the example of Jesus who suffered and died for us even though he was innocent. It is not an easy path we are asked to tread but we are encouraged to see that our best defence is the quality of our lives and the depth of our hope.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the  
Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

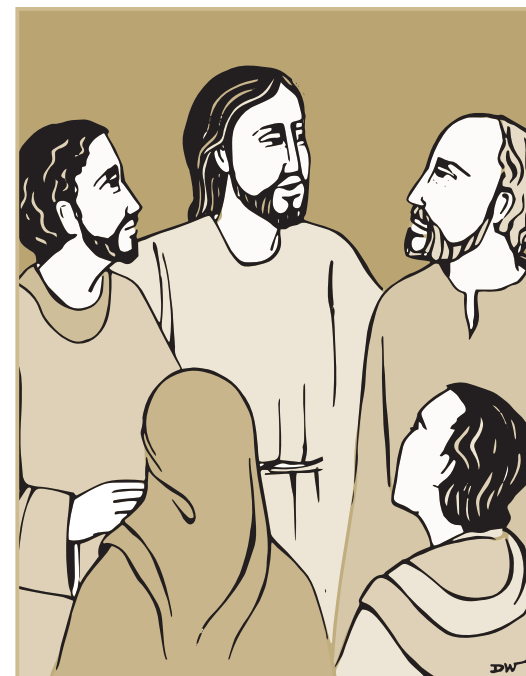
**R.** Let all the earth cry out to God with  
joy. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, /  
O sing to the glory of his name. / O render  
him glorious praise. / Say to God: ‘How  
tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. ‘Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall  
sing to you, sing to your name!’ / Come and  
see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds  
among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they  
passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our  
joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his  
might. **R.**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will  
tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God  
who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold  
his love for me. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was  
raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and  
always have your answer ready for people who  
ask you the reason for the hope that you all  
have. But give it with courtesy and respect  
and with a clear conscience, so that those who  
slander you when you are living a good life in  
Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations  
that they bring. And if it is the will of God that  
you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing  
right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he  
was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty,  
to lead us to God. In the body he was put to  
death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

■ The word of the Lord.