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5th Sunday of Easter- Year B

8-9 May 2021

Entrance Procession

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

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

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

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.**

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 John 4:7-10

God is love.

A reading from the first letter of St John

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:

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 15:9-17

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have 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 in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm
Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 9.30am
Live-streamed Masses via
www.friarsofstfrancis.org or directly via YouTube

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each month, from 8.30pm throughout until Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction at about 7am.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings:

Please give at least 6 months' notice. Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School.

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

Mon: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8
Older Teens: Years: 9-12
Young Adults: 18-35
Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth Group enquires: brbenedictsf@bigpond.com or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

❖ **No Sunday School on Mother's Day.**

❖ **The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** is Thursday the 13th May. However, it is celebrated in Australia on the following Sunday the 16th May so that all Catholics can participate in this important feast.

❖ **Pray to Our Lady Help Christians:** All Catholics are asked to pray to Our Lady Help of Christians for the Church in China and for the people of China from Sunday 23rd May until Sunday 30th May.

Youth Notices

❖ **Friday 14th May 6.30pm – Older Teens Life Night** 'The Big Picture: Death, Hell and Heaven'. In the School Hall.

❖ **Saturday 15th May 3pm – Youth Choir Practice.**

❖ **Sunday 16th May - Catholic Central Upcoming Speaker, Dr Kevin Wagner: "Being in the World but not of the World – Insights from the Life of St Anthony of the Desert"**. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 6pm-7pm in the Church with the talk starting at 7pm in the School Hall.

❖ **Friday 21st May 6.30pm – Youth Group Social Night** for all teens in the School Hall. Activity to be advised on the night.

❖ **Saturday 22nd May – Youth group** will be fundraising to help its members within its many projects by holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Rydalmere. Please come along and sample our sausage sandwiches and drinks.

❖ **Sunday 23rd May 9.30am – Pentecost Youth Mass.**

❖ **Saturday 29th May 3pm – Corpus Christi Youth Choir Practice.**

❖ **Sunday 30th May 2pm – Corpus Christi Procession Practice.**

❖ **Sunday 6th June 10.30am – A Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** around the parish grounds will take place after 9.30am Corpus Christi Mass. Everyone is invited to attend & to take part in these moments of prayer, song & Adoration.

Saints of the Week:

9th May – St Christopher

12th May – St Nereus & St Achilleus,

12th May – St Pancras

13th May – Our Lady of Fatima

14th May – ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

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From the Padre:



We are creatures of love, called to love and be loved. God loves each of us with an eternal love and desires our true good in this world and to grant us a share in His own Divine Life and eternal love. The greatest example of love is the great Sacrifice of Love, Christ's passion and death on the Cross. This means that true love is sacrifice. To love is to serve and to lay down our life for those we love. Among the best examples of love in this world is true motherhood. A mother makes continual sacrifice for her child. From the time a child is conceived, a mother bears the cost like no other. She shares everything of her body with her child and then usually must bring the child to birth in suffering. Then there's the constant vigilance and sleepless nights and care for their little ones. Sadly, motherhood has been under terrible attack from Satan in our age. Contraception, abortion and IVF are actually attacks on motherhood. Then there are the attitudes permeated in our societies that have demeaned mothers and motherhood as less than "jobs and careers." Whereas in truth, motherhood is the greatest and most important career on earth. In fact it is a sacred vocation, one that ought to be treasured and esteemed above all others. Happy Mothers day to all of our mums, even to those who have not been able to bare children, but have been loving mothers to many in this world. May God bless and reward you eternally.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Ellie Eagan, Achamma Joseph; Michael Siddle; Carmel Bowden; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Maria Teresa Armenti; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Florisa Vargas; Dominica Claire Baldwin; Essie Burns; Victor & Daniel & Virginia Shalala; Joseph & Ethel Kazzi; Colin Patten; Maria Miranda; Margo Tannous; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Happy St Christopher Feast day to our dear Friar - Father Christopher!!!




**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May
God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine
power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us**

ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 15-16 May 2021

Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm P Grech	Sun 8am P Walsh	Sun 9.30am B Riley
Altar Servers:	Samara Cliff Reshan Weerakkody Burbridge Family Liam Maze Raphael Cipollone	John Paul Cabela Joshua Locke Russell Mandla Nicholas Chehade	Natalie Higgins Mierzanowski Family Rafael Baricevic Benjamin Gaynor Xavier Redolfi
Acolytes:	Cameron McAuley	Ray Cabela	Gerard Redolfi
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi, Tony & Stevia Fernandes, Chiu & Chor		
Altar Gowns:	Souzi Nakhoul		
Floral Arrangers:	Ted, Breannah & Danielle (The Ascension of the Lord)		
Altar Society:	G 4: Thurs 13/5/2021 @ 9.30am: Violet Standfort, Chor Yee Cheung, Jann Bonner		
Cleaners:	G 3: Saturday 15/2021 @ 8am Paul Chigwidden, Souzi Nakhoul, Sandra Laoulach, Milica Baricevic, Carol Harb, Melissa Gray, Clara Koong		



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