

17th May, 6th Easter Year A

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In our Prayers: Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, All those affected by the Coronavirus, the unemployed, those with mental illness, families with financial struggles, primary producers, etc., those in the health profession

For our Deceased: Joyce Baker, Liam Broderick O'Sullivan, Brian Patten, Coronavirus Victims, Ian Hooper, Elaine Barry, Penny Vince, James (*Jimmy*) Lewis, Anne Maher, Bill Shea (*anniversaries*)

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No Mass or Liturgy
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Reflection

Proclaim the Good News. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

Protocols

Even though ten worshippers are allowed in the church Fr Sijo and Sr Maureen have agreed that Mass or Liturgy will be celebrated when ***more than ten*** people are permitted to be in a church building. We will let you know when Mass/Liturgy will resume.

International Day of Nurses and Midwives, 12 May

During the week it was comforting to see how nurses were acknowledged on 'their' day, especially during this time of Covid 19. Pope Francis in praying for the nurses recognized their testimony of courage and sacrifice in helping people affected by the virus, despite the risk to their own health. "This self-sacrifice is especially evident in the elevated number of medical workers who have died while faithfully carrying out their responsibilities. In Italy alone, 11 percent of those infected by the virus are healthcare workers. At least 160 have died." ... The pope recognizes these men and women as having said "yes" to a vocation. He calls them "good Samaritans," who are concerned for the lives and wounds of others. He acknowledges that they experience the trauma caused by suffering in people's lives. *May we continue to pray for all those in the health profession.*

World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

This year, on Thursday 21 May, as we mark **World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development** it takes on special significance.

"The threat of coronavirus has stretched Western societies in many ways, and has taken them in different directions. It has first forced them to broaden their view of the relationships that are central in a good society. Previously we had tacitly accepted the view that the most important and untouchable relationships have to do with the economy – growing the GNP, making profit and protecting individuals' wealth. When confronted with the threat to life and health posed by coronavirus, that assumption changed suddenly."

Fr Andrew Hamilton sj

The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to advance the four goals of the **UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions** adopted on 20 October 2005:

1. Support sustainable systems of governance for culture
2. Achieve a balanced flow of cultural goods and services and increase mobility of artists and cultural professionals
3. Integrate culture in sustainable development frameworks
4. Promote human rights and fundamental freedoms

Dear Friends,

During the week we have witnessed and experienced an easing in restrictions which have allowed some freedom, especially for those people who have been in lock down in the confines of apartment buildings in the cities. As well as the relief and the joy, we have been challenged by the continuing fallout of the pandemic in the form of the reality of mental illness, financial strain and tension in trade relations. How does this impact your life? How does it make you feel, especially those of us who are part of the wonderful primary producers of our country? No doubt, many feelings stir within us. Hope and common sense would be what we desire for all those involved in negotiations. In the Gospel today we read of Jesus promising to send a helper—a Greek word, ***Paraclete***, which is a legal term. Simply it means that **God is on our side**, in the form of Holy Spirit. How powerful! Mary Coloe pbvm reminds us, *"We still need Holy Spirit to be on our side as we struggle to live as Jesus lived."*

Sr Maureen McDermott rsj

*"Times of scarcity need to be met with generosity,
times of fear with comfort,
times of uncertainty with presence.
When we care for those around us, we create a field of love."*
Thomas Hübl