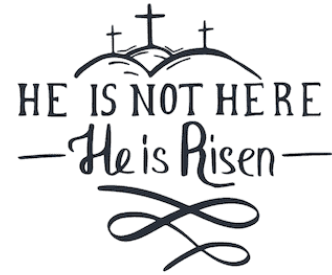




6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

22 May 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

*Ever-living God,
help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord
and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 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:

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. 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.)

2. 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.)

3. 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: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while 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 I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'



Reflection on the Gospel of John

Reflection on the Gospel of John - *God's home is where the heart is*

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home. What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.
Michael Tate

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that they be vibrant centres of love, care and compassion. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the whole of creation, that the human family will be moved by the Spirit of God to make all things new. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of every war-torn, divided and afflicted nation, especially Ukraine, that their hopes for relief and peace will be soon fulfilled. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all candidates in the election campaign, that those who are elected will serve the nation with wisdom, integrity and determination. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all members of the Plenary Council, that they will prepare for the second and final session in a spirit of deep faith. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families of every kind, that the World Day of Families and National Family Week (15-21 May) will give them great encouragement and support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially especially Ian Vardanega, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers: that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased Barry Bevege, Elva McMillan, Val Laurie . . . for our own deceased relatives and friends and for Bob Jonas, whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; that they will be make their home in the new and heavenly Jerusalem. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty and ever-living Lord,
you restored us to life by raising Christ from the death.
Strengthen us by this Easter celebration.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: 24th May at 10am. This will also be a whole school Mass. Parishioners welcome.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: 29 May 2022 at 11am.

Dear Parishioners,

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – are there any envelopes still to come? Please put them in the collection bag.

Sorry Day Remembrance at the Durga Rock in Ryrie Park on Thursday 26 May, 2-2.30pm. All welcome.

Mass at Krawarree on 29th May at 11am.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm next Saturday

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure;

Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.

Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293



Enrolments now open for 2023 at St Bede's Primary School. If you know of any parents who may be interested, please take a brochure from the back table, to give them.

Parish Dinner was a great success. Photos below.

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on 28 May. Please help our local Conference help our companions in need.

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Ecumenical celebration of Pentecost to be held in the National Theatre on Sunday 5 June, commencing at 10am. Please put this date in your diary. It was a huge success last year so we hope for bigger and better this time.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Acts 15:1-2,22-29. 2nd: Rev. 21:10-14,22-23. Gospel: John 14:23-29

Readings for next week: 1st: Acts 1:1-11. 2nd: Eph. 1:17-23. Gospel: Luke 24:46-53.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Music/PP</u>
21 May	Geoff	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
28 May	James	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
4 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
11 June	Geoff	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Ministries of Service:	20 May	27 May	3 June
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Cathy F
Cleaners:	Helen P & Judith		Pauline & Wendy M-B

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other,
Helen Hart

Just a few photos from the Parish Dinner. More photos available to view on a board at the back of the Church next Saturday evening.

Michael didn't photo-bomb, was just lucky to be there when I wanted to take photos. 😊

