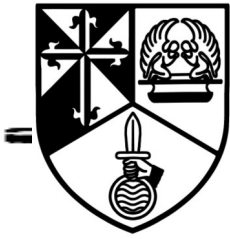


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## VERITAS



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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## LISTEN TO MY VOICE



If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

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

### First reading - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

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.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

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.

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.

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.

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Revelations 21:10-14,22-23

A reading from the book of 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

Cont...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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - John 14:23

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

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 14:23-29

A reading from the Gospel of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - John 14: 15-16

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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**A true heart  should  
never be doubted.**

## TRADITION AND TRADITIONS



In the church there seems always to be a sense of preserving tradition but also a desire to reformulate it.

Yet we must distinguish between tradition, with a big "T" and traditions. The tradition (with a big 'T') of the church is contained in those things which we would consider not negotia-

ble, like the divinity of Christ, or that God is a trinity of persons.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes a debate which was rife during the apostolic age-to circumcise or not to circumcise, to be an observant Jew before becoming a Christian or enter into the Church straight from a life of paganism. These were the hot issues, issues we do not face today but which, I am sure, could find equivalents for in today's Church. Fundamentally it was a debate over tradition- the apostles and their collaborators had to ask the question do we chuck out all our traditions or do we preserve something of our heritage.

The case to circumcise was dismissed totally by St Paul. you see circumcision was a sign of God's covenant with Israel, that was its purpose, it was designed as a physical reminder to the men of Israel that they were a consecrated people, a holy nation, a royal people, a people set apart for God.

St Paul knew that Christ had become the new covenant, the new agreement, the new deal from God. And how was that symbolised? How do we know about this new agreement? One word, 'the Eucharist'. Recall the words the priest uses to consecrate the precious blood-"this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, it will be shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven, do this in memory of me." Christians did not need to be circumcised anymore, because they remembered God's covenant through the Mass. In celebrating the Mass daily the Christian recounts the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is in the spilling of Jesus' blood that the new covenant is signed, sealed and delivered. Man did not need to spill his own blood in circumcision because the precious blood of the god-man had been poured out in abundance for him.

So tradition then can be modified or abolished, but only when it regards what is no longer essential, or when it is superseded by something greater.

Yet traditions should not be abolished arbitrarily, for as G. K. Chesterton once quipped:

**Tradition is the democracy of the dead. It means giving votes to that remotest and obscurest classes, our ancestors. It refuses to submit to the arrogant oligarchy of those who simply happen to be walking around.**

Let us be mindful then of our traditions realising they link us to the past and indeed they may very well teach us how to move on into the future.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

## THE GIFT WITHIN

'We often associate the gift of the Holy Spirit with those who are strong in faith - the great saints and heroes of the faith. True enough. But just as Christ came not for the healthy but the sick, not for the righteous but for sinners, there might be some questions to ask: Why would we need a Teacher if we had everything sorted out for

Conf...ourselves? Why a "recaller" of the things of Christ if we were not only too likely to live our daily lives according to the logic of this Age and not according to the truthful gentleness of Jesus, the indwelling Trinity and the needs of our neighbours? The Holy Spirit is given to those who need the Holy Spirit. To the weak and not the strong.

'The contemporary Church, exposed in its sinfulness and shame, demoralised and ridiculed is a Church in need of repentance and radical renewal in the Holy Spirit. The contemporary Christian, every one, needs to be recalled home: "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you."' Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP **The gift within** 'We often associate the gift of the Holy Spirit with those who are strong in faith - the great saints and heroes of the faith. True enough. But just as Christ came not for the healthy but the sick, not for the righteous but for sinners, there might be some questions to ask: Why would we need a Teacher if we had everything sorted out for ourselves? Why a "recaller" of the things of Christ if we were not only too likely to live our daily lives according to the logic of this Age and not according to the truthful gentleness of Jesus, the indwelling Trinity and the needs of our neighbours? The Holy Spirit is given to those who need the Holy Spirit. To the weak and not the strong.

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Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP

## LAUDATO SI' CELEBRATION



In 2015, Pope Francis addressed an encyclical, *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') – *On Care for our Common Home*, 'to every person living on this planet', saying that he'd like to 'enter into

dialogue with all people about our common home'.

*Laudato Si'* provides a coherent approach to creation, God's plan and humankind's place in the plan.

A celebration of *Laudato Si'* is being held in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn in mid to late May, including at Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral at 10.45am for 11am, Sunday 22 May (all welcome to help celebrate God's creation). The Archdiocese is starting to develop and to encourage plans of action on Care for Our Common Home.

**Would you like to take part in a dialogue on caring for God's creation?**

Would you like to learn more about *Laudato Si'* and take part in a Canberra dialogue about caring for our common home? The Archdiocese will also be starting fortnightly online sessions starting on 14 June, 7.30 – 9pm. You can register through TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZMCP>.

This QR Code will also take you to the booking page: Further information Can be found at

<https://www.care4creation.org/home/>,

or by contacting Roger Paul on 0421 612 572 or emailing [laudatosiACT@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiACT@gmail.com).



## PARENTS & BUBS ALPHA

Do you want to grow further in your faith? Do you want to meet other local parents? Then why not give Alpha a try. Please join us in the Parish Centre, 10am Friday mornings for coffee and croissants as we explore the person and message of Jesus Christ. Babies and toddlers welcome. For information contact Emily on [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com)

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving - Weekly Envelopes: On 30 June 2021 the Planned Giving - Weekly Envelopes) On 30 June 2021 the quota that all parishes had paid for many years to the Canberra Catholic School Building Fund ceased. Parish contributions to this fund were from the Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes and electronic contributions). With the Fund no longer in existence there is no provision for a percentage of contributions to be claimed on tax returns and therefore no need for tax receipts to be issued. However, if you need a receipt for your personal (not Tax) records please E-Mail the Office and request one.

Weekly Envelopes for 2022-2023 will be available 18-19 and 25-26 of June. Contributions to the Planned Giving can be made using envelopes or by Credit Card, Direct Debit or EFTs (there is no charge for using any of these three methods). Many parishioners are no longer using envelopes taking advantage of the Tap & Go facilities.

Parishioners are encouraged to give consideration to switching to other methods to contribute.

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA

After our Covid lockdowns and restrictions the Parish will once again hold our Cancer Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 26th May. Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research. Everyone is welcome - young and old. Please come and support this parish function and have some fun. For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please indicate on the sheet in the foyer. It would be appreciated to indicate whether you can help or bring a plate.

### SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH - An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages.

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

- Identify your conflict triggers.
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

[smartloving.org/breakthrough](https://www.smartloving.org/breakthrough) Divine Mercy Sale 50% Off (ends May 31) Use coupon code: **DivineMercy**

**RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER** - Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897te-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

**ST THOMAS MORE FORUM** - Politics and Religion: The Growing Clash St Thomas More Forum Friday 24 June 2022 | 7 for 7.30pm Keynote Speaker: Paul Kelly Editor-at-Large of the Australian Newspaper  
Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon  
Cost: \$90.00 - Dinner and wine, RSVP: Noon Friday 10 June  
Enquiries: Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or [forum@stthomasmore.org.au](mailto:forum@stthomasmore.org.au)  
Online Bookings: <https://bit.ly/36OhlIO>

**ACT Churches Council Week** of Prayer for Christian Unity A Service for National Reconciliation Week 4.30pm, Sunday 29th May Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street, Barton

'Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.'

## ROSARY ROUNDOABOUT

**Holy Roundabout** is a spiritual intersection initiative for youth. It is a junction where our young disciples are given the space and encouragement to come together to explore the deep stirring in their soul; to discover the immense plan God has for each of them; and to arrive at that place of joy and peace that only the Spirit can deliver. Far from the maddening noise of the world – our young adults will be encouraged and strengthened and together, we will begin to reclaim this world for our Creator. Next Meeting is Sunday 22 May following 5pm Mass at Holy Rosary Watson, Blackfriars. Supper is provided. Please encourage anyone from year 6 upwards to attend.

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Jim Smith, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Albertina Dos Santos, Sr Liz Lusby OP, Denis Lawrence, Evelyn Roque, Patricia Brown, John Davenport, Shirley Arnold, Bill Sutcliffe, Judith Kedge, Patricia 'Patty' Hyde,

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office

## ROSTER 28 / 29 May 2022

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - D. Gauchi  
Reader - P. Farrelly

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - Nicole & Noah Webb

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R. Tanzer  
Reader - C. Rheinberger, R. Basu

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick  
Reader - M. Brotohusodo,  
T. de Luca