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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8,5-8. 14-17;|1Peter 3,15-18;|Jn 14,15-21

May 17th 2020



"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." —1 Peter 3:15

Moments after I read the above passage from the second reading, and then the announcing of the Gospel reading, and everyone traced the sign of the cross on their hearts, as well as their foreheads and lips. Everyone at Mass was asking the Lord to sanctify their hearts to receive the Gospel and act upon it.

When we have a sanctified heart to enthrone Christ as Lord (1 Pt 3:15), our lives cannot help but reflect the joy of the Lord regardless of our life's circumstances. We will speak out of the abundance of our heart, a heart full of love for Jesus. The love of God has been poured out in our sanctified hearts through the Holy Spirit. In Jesus, we have been given a new heart to love God, not to distrust nor question God. No one can take this joy from our heart (Jn 16:22).

Has anyone asked you lately the reason for your hope and joy? Why would anyone ask us this? It's because our life in Christ and our love for Him cannot be kept inside our joyful heart. His love always grows in a sanctified heart, which cannot contain it. His outpoured, overflowing love runs over, leaps up within us, and flows out from us to refresh a world that's parched, lifeless, and without the water of the Holy Spirit

Sanctify Jesus as Lord in your heart. Then people won't be able to refrain from asking you the reason for this hope of yours. Speak of your love for Jesus out of the abundance of God's love in your heart. Refresh the hearts of a hurting world in Christ. Offer a little prayer to sanctify and help those in need.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

WE CAN STILL PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ACROSS OUR WORLD

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give 'something small with great love'. 'We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community'. (Dorothy Day)

<https://lent.caritas.org.au>

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

3 o'clock prayer - the hour of great mercy

Jesus said: **Call upon my mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion.**

Let us pray: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in You.

THE SICK

As we journey with our Risen Lord through this difficult time let us remember in our prayers our family, parishioners and all those who are sick. May the mercy and healing power of God touch and give them strength and heal them.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the recently deceased in our parish community. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Lyn Matthews' mother, Mary Roberson, Gerald John Edward and Tony Colosimo.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Margarita Adecer, Manong Lapinig, Pedro Lapinig, Ruth Tarn Pike, Elwood Zimmerman, Heather Grimmett, Alona Oppus, Cornella (Malaque) Galleros, Rosario Malague, Mike Aggenbach, Anne Riches.

*May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Just a Note to those parishioners who may be in the process of rebuilding their homes following the recent bushfires, Blue Ridge Hardwoods, Eden are still selling timber to the public.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 8:5 8,14-17/Pet3:15-18 Psalms 65/John 14:15-21

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 16:22-34/Psalms 137/John

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter St Bernardine of Siena

Acts 17:15,22-8:1/Psalms 121/John 15:1-8

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter St. Christopher Magallanes

Acts 18:1-18/Psalms 97/John 16:16-20 and companions

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter St Rita of Cascia

Acts 18:9-18/Psalm 46/John 16:20-23

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 18:23-28/Psalm 46/John 16:23b-28

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE -by Lisa- Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus often spoke about himself and his significant relationship with his disciples, saying things like, 'I am the vine, you are the branches', 'I am the Resurrection and the life', 'You are the light of the world', 'You are the salt of the earth', 'I am the Good Shepherd'.

When a significant relationship is healthy, it has a positive impact on the life of the people involved. That is a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Do you ever talk to your close friends about your relationship with them? Why or why not? The Spirit has several names: Paraclete, Advocate, Counsellor, Helper. But the most simple one to remember and understand is Love. God is love. The Spirit of God is love.

It has been said that it is easier to 'love the world' than to actually love your next door neighbour or some of the people in your family. What is meant by that? Do you agree with that? Why or why not?

If love is so simple to understand, why is it so complicated and difficult to share?

COVID19

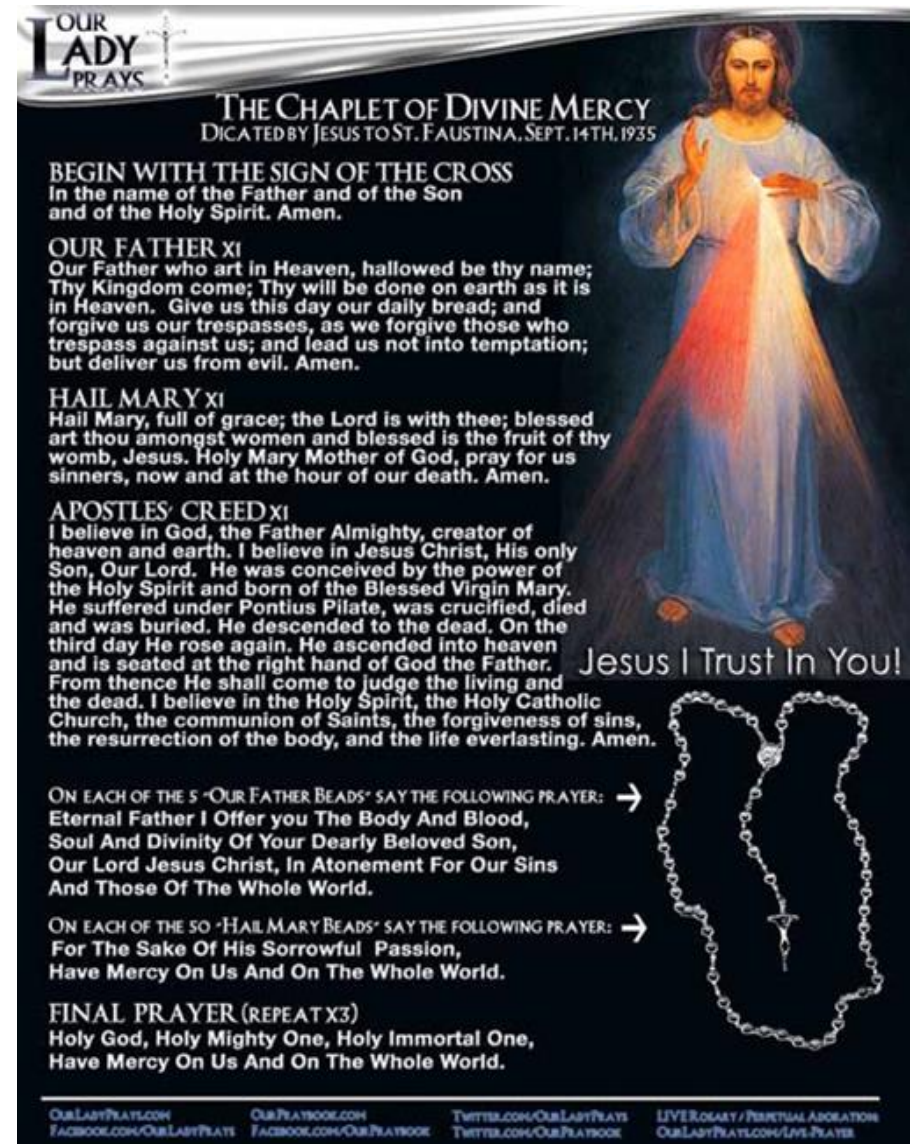
We invite you to explore the latest edition of LITed (Liturgy Brisbane) which looks ahead to what the Church may look like after Coronavirus, and reflects upon how we may have learned to see differently. to view at <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>

COVID-19 Crisis Appeal

Vinnies is launching a COVID-19 Crisis Appeal to raise funds for the additional need we are already seeing due to Covid-19. The COVID-19 Crisis Appeal is replacing the Winter Appeal and is launching ahead of the traditional Winter Appeal start date of 1 May.

This new crisis, this terrible pandemic, nothing our modern community has experienced, will increase the need for the work of Vinnies in serving the poor and needy. Already within Australia, we have witnessed an exponential demand from vulnerable people needing help to find food, as a result of Covid-19 panic buying in the major supermarkets.

Due to the restrictions we're operating within, it will not be possible to do an appeal through parishes in the traditional manner. Please can you enctodonateonlinewww.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12



OUR LADY PRAYS

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
DICTATED BY JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA, SEPT. 14TH, 1935

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR FATHER xi
Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY xi
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED xi
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus I Trust In You!

ON EACH OF THE 5 'OUR FATHER BEADS' SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
Eternal Father I Offer you The Body And Blood, Soul And Divinity Of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, In Atonement For Our Sins And Those Of The Whole World.

ON EACH OF THE 50 'HAIL MARY BEADS' SAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: →
For The Sake Of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

FINAL PRAYER (REPEAT X3)
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy On Us And On The Whole World.

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