

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also
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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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

2. 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.

3. 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.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John *God is love.*
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
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 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 Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.
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 him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’ so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul’s mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

‘Catholic’ simply means ‘world wide’, and the Church’s universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ’s victory over death and the true meaning of love: ‘No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.’ In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death. This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation. We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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Saints Of The Week

MONDAY 10th -St John of Avila

WEDNESDAY 12th-
St Nereus,
St Achilleus,
St Pancras

THURSDAY 13th -
Our Lady of
Fatima



FRIDAY 14th -
St Matthias,
Apostle



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Sixth Sunday of Easter -YEAR B

Reflections on Motherhood

Motherhood for me has seen loads of happiness, unconditional love for my children and moments of sadness. I have relied on my faith throughout Motherhood to guide me and support my decisions. 'Love begins at home.. and is not how much we do...But how much love we put in that action' (Mother Theresa) Jeni

'Motherhood is a powerful experience of unconditional love, a care giver. It is a sacred journey that encompasses a roller coaster of emotions, life, and a never-ending story. Motherhood carries the gifts of nurturing, care and superhuman love. It has allowed me to discover a love and passion that I have never experienced.' Naomi

'Being a Mum has been the most amazing experience. I became a cliché when I had that first cuddle with all three of my children. I was in love and there wasn't anything I wouldn't do to keep them safe and happy. As they grew, I have been so grateful to be able to witness them becoming unique, loving and caring people.' Angela

'Becoming a mother doesn't come easily for everyone. I'll start there – with my gratitude that I was blessed with being able to become a mother, which was something I so desperately wanted. My husband and I have two children aged 13 and 12. They are the love of our lives. I see my role as one of making sure they grow up to be compassionate, thoughtful, high-functioning members of society. It is not easy, but it is a privilege to play a part in moulding a character. If I reflect on our Good Mother Mary, she demonstrated many aspects of motherhood but the one that stays with me is of her at the Wedding at Cana in John's Gospel (2:5). She encourages Jesus to perform his first miracle. She knows him best and knows that he is ready – even when he doesn't think so. Maybe that's what a 'good' mother does – she knows just when to push her children out of the many metaphorical nests that life gives us and she is always there to be a supporting witness to the life that she has played a role in creating. Happy Mother's Day to my wonderful mum, Pauline, and the many wonderful mothers in my life. We are all doing a great job!' Erica



'The love that I have for my sons is all consuming. I sometimes think about my life before I became a mother and the person I was. It is so life changing. Being a mother brings out the essence of you, enriching every aspect of who you are. As the mother of teenage sons, I feel so proud and blessed. The stages of growth have been an honour to witness. The energy and care that I have given to help make them the people they have become, has been a joy to give. It's not easy to be apart when it's time for them to leave home but it is so affirming to see who they have become. They are my life.' Karen

'While we are bombarded with noise, hype and advertisements telling it is Mother's Day, it gives us an opportunity to stop and reflect on Mothers and Motherhood! There is great joy in being a mother, but let's not forget, there is also pain. We mothers learn much about ourselves as we are tested and consumed by often overwhelming love. We can find ourselves being moulded into an energetic powerhouse. Mothers know how to love, understand, nurture and give advice (wanted and unwanted). As Mary in Luke 2:19 "remembered all these things and thought deeply about them", we mother of today also find ourselves, treasuring, pondering and thinking deeply about our role in life of co-creating with God through procreation.' Carolyn

May all our mothers be blessed

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

MAY

The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 4th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 5th: 9am Mass
Thurs 6th: 9am
Fri 7th: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 8th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sunday 9th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

8/9 MAY 2021

Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (10-14)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Schor

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am M Lowe

5pm S Ebejer

Readers

6pm J Mackay

9am C Lowe

5pm J O'Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm B Maynard

9am N Page

5pm A Horsfall

Computer Screen

6pm T Jackson

9am D May

5pm . O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy/P O'Kelly

9am G Norris/ B Basevi

5pm N Beatty

MORNING TEA

Tonnie van den Broek & helper

15/16 MAY 2021

Church Cleaning

B Favetta/J O'Neill(17-21)

Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie

9am C Schor

5pm L Miller

Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly

9am N Beatty

5pm N Gorzalka

Readers:

6pm P Nolan

9am B Basevi

5pm M Devine

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm H Blake

9am A Skinner

5pm A Horsfall

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan

REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall

9am M & C Lowe

5pm D Gorzalka

MORNING TEA

A Star/J Barroman

May, Month of Mary and Mothers

Throughout the year, Marian devotions are held, through the prayer of the Rosary, the Litany, and other forms of prayer. Through these, Mary's intercession is sought in different circumstances like the time of Jesus at the wedding at Canaan (Jn 2:1-11). This practice has become a tradition, especially during the month of May and October every year. This is evident in our own parish with the decoration of the Marian statue and the celebration of *flores de May* last Sunday in May.

During this month of May, in which Pope Francis is calling an all to pray especially as the world faces global challenges, it is a great opportunity to ask for Mary's intercession through the prayer of the Rosary in a month traditionally dedicated to her.

In doing this, we not only rely on Mary's intercession as a Saint, but also as a mother who is ever close to the heart of Jesus her son who is ready to listen to the requests of the mother as exemplified at the wedding feast at Canaan in Galilee.

Importantly, as we recognise Mary's maternal role and intercession, we also celebrate motherhood during this month of May in Australia and another part of the world. This event gives us an opportunity to honour, acknowledge, appreciate, and celebrate all mothers and mother figures who continue to play the role of Mary in the world.

For Pentecost Sunday on 22nd/23rd

May at all Masses we wish to have people from different ethnic backgrounds pray the Prayers of Intercession. If you would be interested in praying a prayer in your language could you please let Anne Jackson before Wednesday by emailing the Parish Office at batemansbay@cg.org.au or calling Anne on 0429 659 862. Prayers will be provided for translating.

National mass Count

The National Count for mass Attendance Commenced Last Weekend-

2 & 9 May: Numbers will be counted

16 May: Numbers will be counted and divided into male and female.

23 May: Number will be counted and Divided into Age groups.

Your understanding and support will be highly appreciated.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a mother's love

Can understand our tears,

Can soothe our disappointments

And calm all our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love

Can share the joy we feel

When something we have dreamed about

Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith

Can help us on life's way

And inspire in us the confidence

We need from day to day.

From a mother's heart and a mother's

faith

And a mother's steadfast love

Were fashioned by the angels

And sent from God above.

Author Unknown.



*Please join us for morning tea to
celebrate Mothers following the 9am
Mass on Sunday.*

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS YOUR HELP

We need people who want to make a difference to the lives of others by visiting and taking HC to the sick in their homes, or Aged Care Facility or Hospital.
1:1 Guidance and resources provided.



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Thank you to the parishioners who made the journey to Cobargo last Sunday for the Marian Procession.

Thank you to those who joined the Eastern Deanery Zoom session for the Plenary Council on Tuesday last.

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If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Val McGee, John Roch, Claire Wakeling, Numeriano Sencio Sr, Anacrita Sencio, Pauline Casar, Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey/John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Franciscus Timmer, Leon Palamountagne, Anica Hratic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Gregory Murphy, George Rummery, John Victory, Greg McAleer, Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effeney, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordelman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor,

MAY
*The month of
The Rosary
Mary
and Mothers*



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Joseph the Disciple

Joseph, man of integrity listening to your dream. Taking Mary as your wife faithful to your God.
Mary Jo Wells RSJ

Invest In Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May

St Bernard's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 -week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse.

The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register and pay
for course at

<https://bit.ly/TMCRRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>
Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove



COFFEE N CHAT

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thanked us for our
contribution.*

Confirmation Commitment Mass

There will be
commitment ceremony
in all Masses this Weekend
for 2021
Confirmation Candidates



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