

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C
First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

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 Barabbas 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

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) 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.

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.

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.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

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.

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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 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

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.

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For the celebration
of the Word and the
Eucharist

Upcoming
events

Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm

One Day Retreat
Monday May 23rd
@9.30-3.30pm

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 25th May
@ 1pm
Meeting Room

Confirmation
Commitment Mass
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am

Craft Group - 10am
Thursdays

“Enjoy the Good News”
Wednesdays after
9.00am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @
4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

MASS TIMES HAVE CHANGED FOR WEEK 23rd May - 29th May

TUESDAY 24TH: 4.30pm-5.25pm - ADORATION
5.30pm MASS

WEDNESDAY 25TH: 9am MASS

THURSDAY 26TH: 9 am MASS

FRIDAY 27TH: 9am MASS

SATURDAY 28TH: RECONCILIATION 9.30 am
5pm MASS

SUNDAY 29TH: 9am MASS
5pm MASS

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday evening Mass at 5pm will end at the end of June

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Of Deacon Eden Langlands will be held at the Cathedral in Canberra on the 24th June at 5pm. All are Welcome

Deacon Eden will celebrate the 5pm Mass at St Bernard’s on the 26th June 2022.

THANK YOU
for your prayerful
support on his journey to
priesthood



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd: Beatification of Pauline Jaricot

Tuesday 24th: Our Lady, Help of Christians

Wednesday 25th: St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, St Bede

Thursday 26th: St Phillip Neri

Friday 27th: St Augustine

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions MAY

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 24th:
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Mass
Wed 25th: 9am Mass
Thurs 26th: 9am Mass
Fri 27th: 9am Mass
Sat 28th:
9.30am Reconciliation,
5.00 pm Mass
Sun 29th: 9am Mass
5pm Family & Youth Mass

<p>21/22 MAY Cleaning 23-27 B Coffey/M Paine 5.00PM MASS Welcomer: Commentator D Robinson Reader J Mackay Eucharistic Ministers C Brownlie, M Weatherall, Computer Screen K Conway 9.00 AM MASS: Welcomer C Connell Commentator A Jackson Reader: A Skinner Eucharistic Ministers C Schor A Scicluna Computer Screen T Priest. 5.00PM MASS: Welcomer M de Smet Commentator S Ebejer Reader: N Beatty Eucharistic Ministers M Devine Computer Screen M O’Neill MORNING TEA: A Brown & helper</p>	<p>28/29 MAY Cleaning 30 May-3 June R & K Ison 5.00PM MASS Welcomer: C Brownlie Commentator J Quigley Reader P O’Kelly Eucharistic Ministers A Rogers Computer Screen T Jackson 9.00 AM MASS: Welcomer Volunteer Commentator . L Page Reader: N Beatty . Eucharistic Ministers N Page S Beashel Computer Screen T Priest. 5.00PM MASS: Welcomer Volunteer Commentator D Robinson Reader: M Devine Eucharistic Ministers A Horsfall Computer Screen M O’Neill MORNING TEA: L Rodwell & J Barroman</p>
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CAN SOMEONE VISIT and take Holy Communion to an elderly Lady at Denham’s Beach after 9am Sunday Mass. We have a roster started but need at least two more people on the roster. We need one more person to visit and take HC to the Manor residents - again you would be on a roster. If you can help please call Marie Weatherall (m) 0405 028 057

Remembering the Sick:
Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Lois White, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O’Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

The Parish Sick list has grown and needs to be updated. If parishioners are in the Nursing Homes they are included on the list. Some people have past away. The list will be adjusted first week of June, unless we are advised otherwise names will only be on the list for two weeks. Fr Tom does not take donations for Mass offerings but will include names on the bulletin for deceased and anniversaries when requested.

Whilst leading a retreat in Bungendore recently Bronnie Schlager (from Braidwood) spoke with me about the following opportunity which I am happy to share for those who may wish to:



Are you looking for an avenue to pray and share the faith journey? Have a look at Call to Connect Catholic Womens' Ministry prayer group structure and new program 'Beginner's Choice' starter kit Go to www.calltoconnect.org for details. Come along to an introductory coffee and prayer time with Q&A and/or a Zoom opportunity to experience the CTC style. Please register your interest on the Sheet in the Foyer of the Church and feel free to contact me (Phil Billington 0428593191). Bronnie is willing to come down and speak with us at a time that works for the Parish or to facilitate a Zoom meeting.

Blessings & thanks Phil.

CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Child Protection Code of Conduct forms are now due to be re-signed by all volunteers in the Parish. It is a requirement that all Parish volunteers have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement form. Copies can be found in the church foyer, together with the Child Protection Code of Conduct which you will need to be familiar with. Please return your signed forms to the Parish office as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Death Anniversaries: Robert Pacion, Mila Bandur, Rowland Heycox, Mary Carter, Joseph Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Terry Parsons, Jade Hammond

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill, Kaye Shephard

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY Learning from St Ignatius Loyola



From May 2021 until July 2022, the Jesuits (Society of Jesus SJ) celebrates an Ignatian Year – the 500th anniversary of Ignatius. The theme is: ‘to see all things new in Christ’

A Reflection
Following the theme of Deacon Eden’s Homily

How does Ignatian spirituality address the human need for happiness and fulfillment of the whole person?

Dear Ignatian Friend,
I do want to offer a few ideas on how I believe Ignatian spirituality helps us address our human need for happiness and fulfillment. God loves us first. We do nothing to earn God’s love. It is freely given to us.

God raises within us our desire for God. Often, this manifests itself in the restlessness we feel or in a feeling like something is missing in our lives. We are created for God. Or as a dear friend of mine says, “We are like donuts. We have a big ol’ hole in us that only God can fulfill.” The core of our identity and our ultimate fulfillment is found in being loved by God and accepting this love.

We choose to act on the desire for God or not. Do we acknowledge this yearning and restlessness, or do we attempt to numb it, stuff it down, or fill it with something/someone else?
God calls and we respond. This call and response is the ongoing act of creation in our lives.

However, once we begin on our path to **relationship with God**, we often find a deep peace in response to our restlessness that helps us stay on our path to growing in God. God—out of love for us—continues to raise new **desires** within us that call us into a deeper relationship with God. These desires awaken us to our unique contributions to God’s work in the world today. As Fr. Joseph Tetlow, SJ, says in his article *The Fundamentum: Creation in the Principle and Foundation*, “God raises in us desires to do the next good thing.”

Our ongoing response and choice is, as David Fleming, SJ, states, “what better leads to God’s life deepening within me.” (*Draw Me into Your Friendship*) Of all the choices put before us, which one most leads us into a deeper relationship with God? By continuing on the path of hearing God’s call and responding to it, we take another step in deepening our relationship with God, which brings us a sense of fulfillment, purpose, and peace.

(Becky Eldridge)
www.ignatianspirituality.com

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT
If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account
BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc: 000012939
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A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: ACN has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of *Aid to the Church in Need* have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood.

Please read and reflect on their stories and discern to help us, spiritually and financially, to form the priests of tomorrow. These young men never cease to pray for the benefactors who assisted them on their journey. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/seminariansglobal

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