

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A
First Reading Acts 6:1-7
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.’ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22
(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light
The Word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14:6*
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!
Gospel *Jn 14:1-12*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’ Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me? ‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us

see the Father”?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. ‘I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’
The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Mutual Indwelling
The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: ‘Let not your hearts be troubled.’ Why shouldn’t their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord’s physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers. How does this come about? At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: ‘By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.’ What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord. As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: ‘God became human so that humans might become God.’ We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: ‘We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.’ We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!
Alleluia!
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Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

SATURDAY MASS IS NOW @ 5PM

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Resumes Wednesday
May 3rd after 9am Mass

Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday 9th
May 10-11am Church Meeting Room
All welcome

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 9th May
BB Library
All are welcome

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

DEALING WITH DIFFERENCES

The Christian Church in its early years, continued some customs of Judaism. In the synagogues (and in the Temple) there was a practice by which two collectors of alms went round the local market and private homes on the morning prior to the Sabbath. Their job was to collect food and/or money for the needy (E.g. Widows). Later in the afternoon the proceeds of their collection was distributed.

In those early days there was a cleavage. There were the Palestinian Jews who spoke Hebrew/Aramaic. They prided themselves that there was no foreign admixture in their lives. There were also Jews from foreign countries who had come to Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) and became followers of the Way of Jesus Christ. Mainly they spoke only Greek and were called Hellenists. They were held in contempt by the spiritually snobbish Aramaic-speaking Jews. This contempt, alas, affected the distribution of money and food.

A complaint that the Hellenist widows were being neglected was brought to the attention of the Apostles. Remember that the number of Christians was increasing rapidly. On the first day of Peter’s preaching three thousand people had been added to their ranks. And scores more were joining on a daily basis. The Apostles felt they ought not get themselves mixed up in a matter like this but rather the Hellenists should select from their ranks seven men (*full of the Holy Spirit and of Wisdom*) who would straighten out the situation.



Eventually, seven men were chosen and they were brought into the presence of the Apostles, who prayed over them and laid their hands on them. This action has been interpreted as the first ordination of deacons since they had been appointed to serve (*diakonesai*) the community, by ensuring the fair distribution of food and money.

Subsequent references in Acts chapters 7 & 8 to two of these seven deacons, Stephen and Philip, show that they were capable of more than administrative tasks. Stephen became the first martyr. Philip went on to spread the Good News in Samaria, where he famously converted Simon the Magician.

To a certain extent I see Pope Francis in his Synodal Way as trying to achieve solutions to problems that are inhibiting the growth and good name of the Catholic Church. These problems are more significant than the unfair distribution of food to widows. But who’s to say what damage may have been done to the Church if the Apostles had not come up with a solution? And how much poorer the Church would have been without the order of the Diaconate?

Prayer for Pope Francis

Lord God, Source of Life and Truth,
Give to your shepherd, Pope Francis,
A spirit of Courage and Discernment.
May he build your Church into a Sacrament
Of Unity, Love and Peace for the whole world.
This prayer I make in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th May
Sunday 14th May

Monday 8th: No Mass
Tuesday 9th: Mass 9am
Adoration: 8.00am
Wednesday 10th: Mass 9am
Thursday 11th: Mass 9am
Friday 12th: Mass 9am
Saturday 13th: Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm
Sunday 14th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

6/7 MAY Cleaning

6-12 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer D Robinson
Commentator: M Weatherall
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
Y Oerder, L Rodwell
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: T Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers
S Beashel C Schor
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

13/14 MAY Cleaning

15-19 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M Devine
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain M Weatherall
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer J McClelland
Commentator . N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
V & C Burns
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel L Foran

Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner Tuesday 23rd May @ 6:45 pm

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life.

All welcome – Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.

Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson

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The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, “**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop**” commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further information:

Email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or **Ph:** 02 8912 4818

PLEASE NOTE:

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
on Tuesday 9th May has changed its

venue and will now be held in the Church Meeting Room.

All are welcome



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May Retreat:

*‘ Search and you will
find ...called to be
everyday
mystics’*

at St Joseph's
Convent Chapel on Tuesday
May 16th,
9-45am to begin at 10am -
2pm.

Facilitators:

Carolyn Evenden & Marie
Weatherall.

Morning tea
Provided.

BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch.
Gold coin donation to cover
venue cost.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
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Remembering the Sick:

Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, 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, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked
together with the disciples
on the road to Emmaus,
drawing them from anxiety
to hope, from confusion to
joy.

Jesus, centre of our
common Emmaus walk,
with You alone to guide
us, make Your home in
our hearts; as we pour
"new wine into fresh
wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the
Holy Spirit, may we give
birth to a renewed faith and
united pastoral action in this
Archdiocese in the years
ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great
Australian Intercessor, pray for
us.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

All Saints of
God, who name
and sanctify our
parishes, pray for
us. *Amen*

*Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions*

MAY

**For church movements and
groups**

We pray that Church
movements and groups may
rediscover their mission of
evangelization each day,
placing their own charisms at
the service of needs in the
world.

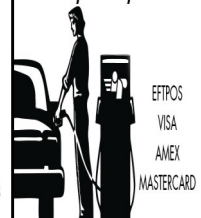


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