

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C  
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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 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  
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

Revelation 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.

The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God

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 John 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 Nick Brodie

Reflecting on Jesus’ gift of peace, so eloquently expressed in today’s Gospel passage, Pope Francis encouraged us to think about the context. This beautiful message is given in what Francis characterises as ‘a moment that is anything but serene. Judas has left to betray him, Peter is about to deny him, and almost everyone else to abandon him.’ What Jesus shows us in that moment is that ‘he remains kind until the end.’ ‘Jesus demonstrates that meekness is possible’, Francis says, by revealing his own peacefulness ‘precisely in the most difficult moment’. Through this, Francis suggests, Jesus ‘wants us to behave that way too, since we are the heirs of his peace.’ We are called to be ‘witnesses of peace.’ Understanding that ‘this meekness is not easy’, Francis intimated that this is where Jesus’ gifting of his peace to us is so important. As he explains, ‘Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to keep peace, that we need help, that we need a gift.’ This gift, Francis says, is ‘the presence of God in us’ – the Holy Spirit – helping us ‘to forgive, to begin again, to set out anew because we cannot do this with our own strength.’

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Kiosk and Trolley help  
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If you can help, please contact  
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Many thanks



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SIXTH SUNDAY of  
EASTER  
Year C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays  
after Mass

“Good News” group resumes  
every Wednesday after Mass to  
discuss reading for the  
following Sunday. CMR

Parish Sacramental Program  
2025  
Confirmation  
Commitment Masses Saturday  
24th 5pm and Sunday 25th 9am  
Enrolment now open at the  
Parish Office

Morning Retreats -“The Gift of  
Years”  
Tuesday 27th May  
and June 17th  
9.30-12noon CMR  
For further info:  
Marie 0405 028 057  
Carolyn 0400 121 119

Wrap with Love  
Wednesday 28th  
1-3pm CMR  
Tuesday 10th June  
10-11am BB Library

Craft Group 10am Thursdays  
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @  
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after  
9am Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove

The 6th Sunday of Easter! It would seem that Easter was along time ago! However, the readings today suggest that we can and should be still people of the Resurrection, walking in the light, being witnesses of the Good News, displaying the qualities of those witnesses filled with the Holy Spirit. Recent events such as the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV have contributed to an awareness for us that the readings/messages written so long ago can and should resonate with us today.

However, to be witnesses and proclaimers of the Good News can be difficult in any age and civilisation but the message of the gospel...” the Advocate, the Holy Spirit will teach you everything...Peace I bequeath you” should be reassuring.

Pope Francis during his life was an example to us of what is in the first reading of Acts15. Although he was regarded by some as being too liberal and radical, he displayed a down to earth approach to life. He also demonstrated an ability to connect with people from all walks of life. His commitment to inter religious dialogue reflected what the Apostles were trying to do- unity in faith requires listening and compromise. Each of us, with the help of the Spirit can connect with people from all walks of life and be guided as witnesses and true proclaimers. Pope Francis when visiting Ur in Iraq in March 2021 said “Hostility, extremism and violence are not born of a religious heart: they are betrayals of religion.”

Pope Leo XIV has already told us that he will be “ invoking peace and pledging to work for a united Church, faithful to Jesus and the Gospel. We are to work together to build bridges. Synodality shows a desire to bring collective harmony to a diverse global Church.”

WHY REFER TO A LATE POPE AND A NEW POPE?

These were and are men of our era and experienced life in our world in our time of geopolitical, economic turmoil as well as climate crisis. The late Pope, whilst not changing the core doctrine of the Church worked to promote unity, show compassion and apologised to those affected by clergy abuse. He reached out to those whose lifestyles made them feel marginalised by the Church.

In taking the name Leo XIV our new Pope hopes to reflect the Papal ministry of Pope Leo XIII whose ministry was foundational to the articulation of Catholic Social Justice. His many previous and diverse roles have shown that he too, has a down to earth approach and the ability to connect with people from all walks of life.

The second reading highlights for us that God is everywhere- we don't need flamboyant, elaborate buildings. God is not confined to a specific, confined place or building. He is always with us, in our daily lives where ever we are. In our world, daily life has become busy and very much the centre of life and community so it is up to us to live out the qualities of witnesses to the Good News, knowing the Spirit is with us. We shouldn't need to be reminded that we only need to ask God for help.

The Gospel, draws our attention to and highlights the importance of a belief in Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit and that love is at the centre of Christian life. If we understand and take on these teachings they will help us be better witnesses and perhaps even make proclaiming the good news a little easier. The word “Peace” also features with Jesus urging us not to be troubled. Only belief and faith in Him can give us “a peace the world cannot give”- peace of mind- our mind. An awareness of God's constant presence, His peace and strength can help find our way through life's challenges with confidence.

What does it mean to me that God' presence is everywhere?  
In what ways does the Holy Spirit help me to make decisions?

Ken and Carolyn Evenden

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 26th May —Sunday 1st June**

**Monday 26th:** NO MASS

**Tuesday 27th:** Mass 5pm

**Wednesday 28th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 29th:** Feast of the Ascension Mass 9.15 am(whole school)

**Friday 30th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 31st:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Sunday 1st:** Mass 9am

**ROSTERS**

**24/25 MAY**

**Cleaning**

26-30 M deSmet & J Maher

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer B Oerder  
Commentator M O’Neill  
Reader: B Maynard  
Eucharistic Ministers  
N Buick  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator N Beatty  
Reader L Page  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen . T Priest

**MORNING TEA:**

M Vidovic & Zdenka

**COUNTERS**

T & A Jackson

**30 MAY/1 JUNE**

**Cleaning**

2-6 June B Coffey/M Paine

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer J McCarthy  
Commentator B Maynard  
Reader: P O’Kelly  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain  
Computer Screen  
J O’Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer S Beashel  
Commentator M Lowe  
Reader C Lowe  
Eucharistic Ministers  
D Herring, J Whiteford  
Computer Screen . D May

**MORNING TEA:**

Filipino Community

**COUNTERS**

M & C Lowe



**St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

will take place at the Weekend Masses May 31/ June 1 with f/up June 7 & 8.

This Appeal assists the disadvantaged & poor in our local area.

Would you consider making a \$ donation after

Mass at the Church door and/or donate winter scarves beanies, socks, gloves or blankets/doonas for Adults & Children.

Place donations in the containers in the foyer of the Church during June.

No clothing ...please take clothing directly to the Vinnie’s shop.

Thank you for your continued support in our local community.

Receipt for \$ donation available if requested.

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop**

will be at the home of Mary Haigh on Tuesday June 10 from 10am - 11 am.

All Welcome.

All enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we say farewell to Fr Rex.

Fr Rex has been with us now for the past few months as we await the arrival of our new Parish Priest.

We have been most fortunate to have a Priest of such high quality to lead this Parish.

Fr Rex is a deep thinker and committed to Synodality across our Church.

Fr Rex has been able to speak of current world events in the light of the Gospel Readings and truly encourages and supports the involvement of the laity in the Church.

Thankyou Fr Rex for your leadership and encouragement over your time with us and know you will

always be welcomed into our Parish in the future.

Please keep us in your prayers as we will pray for you.

***There will be an opportunity to say thank you to Fr Rex at our morning tea, after the 9am Mass.***

**CHILD PROTECTION CODE OF CONDUCT**

Forms are now due to be filled out by all volunteers. I know some of you have only recently filled in your form, but I am trying to make this process as streamlined as possible.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with the Archdiocesan and Govt requirements.

If you are a volunteer in the parish, can you please fill in another Child Protection Code of Conduct, which is **valid for three years**. This enables us to maintain accurate records.

A copy of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct is available in the church foyer and also on the parish website.

Many thanks  
Roslynn Trompp  
Parish Secretary



Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn

Dear friends,

Our Archdiocese is blessed to have six dedicated seminarians progressing towards the Priesthood.

This year, we welcomed three new first-year seminarians – Dylan House, Jeremy Cains, and Isaac de Roadt – who have already begun their journeys. They join Nicholas Barry in his second year, Cinnil Thomas in his third, and Bran Grgic, who is now in his fourth year of formation. Together, they represent the bright future of our faith community.

The 2025 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

To give a non-deductible gift please use one of the options below.  
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I am convinced that the Holy Spirit calls young men to become priests. I ask everyone to pray for increased vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

**Thank you for your generosity**

***Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra/  
Goulburn  
May 2025***

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our  
brother, and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your  
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the  
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure  
expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with  
the powers of Evil  
vanquished, your glory will shine  
eternally.

May the grace of the  
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our  
Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen.**

**Remembering the Sick:**

Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O’Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse , Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O’Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, 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:** Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O’Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O’Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

Pope Francis Monthly  
Prayer Intentions

MAY

**For working conditions**

Let us pray that through  
work, each person might  
find fulfilment, families  
might be sustained in  
dignity, and that society  
might be humanised.



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