



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

14 MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold his love for me. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9am – 3pm
Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS



6th Sunday Easter, 14 May – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Saturday 6pm Mass for Joao Mao Cheia (RIP) + Tony Pereira (RIP)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Davina Paul (Birthday Intentions) + Carmelita Fraser (RIP Recently)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Holy Trinity Honour + Maria Jose Da Silva & Genoveva Martins (RIP) + Zelia De Agrela (RIP Anniversary) + Josie & Nunziato Cannavo & James Alberti (RIP Anniversary)



Monday 15 May

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 16 May

9am Mass for Jesus Christ & St Raphael Honour & Thanksgiving + Beverley Cherry (RIP)

Wednesday 17 May

9am Mass for St Joseph Honour & Protection of Family

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 18 May – St John I

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

10am Funeral of Nicola Ratta

Friday 19 May

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 20 May – St Bernardine of Siena

NO 9am Mass

The Ascension of the Lord, 21 May

Saturday 6pm Mass for Tony Pereira (RIP) + Teresa Cortese (RIP Anniversary) & Sestina Leone (RIP Recently) + Giuseppe De Borrello (RIP 45th Anniversary)



Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + John Randall (RIP) + Holy Spirit Thanksgiving for Gift of Life + Genoveva Martins (RIP)

ANGEL OF PEACE FATIMA PRAYER: My God, I believe, adore, hope and love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Caroline Lynch ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am

CONFIRMATION: Sunday 20-8-23 at 9am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday
9.30-10am and
5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord, 21 May

1st: Acts 1:1-11

2nd: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. 1. **Is the capital campaign always necessary?** A stewardship effort may be the best way of meeting your immediate needs while at the same time educating your parishioners about the connection between their faith and financial resources.



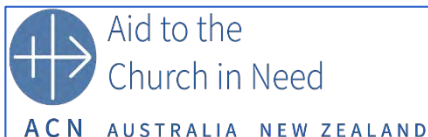
2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: **MAY - For church movements and groups.** "We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world".



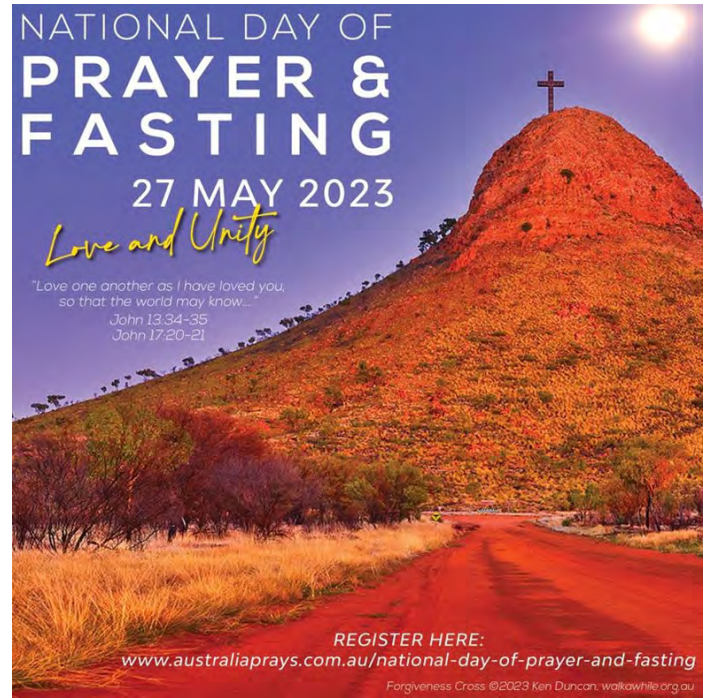
VOLUNTEER COUNTERS: Do you have a couple hours you can spare on a Monday morning to count money? If so, please contact Judy on 0448 205 283 for more information. Many thanx.



NIGERIA CAMPAIGN: The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church**



in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal.



INNER HEALING RETREAT:
Friday 26 May 8.30am to Sunday 28 May 5pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Road, Karrakup. Free of charge. For registration, please provide the following, date of retreat, adult full name, contact details, child full name and age, via email; vrperth@gmail.com or phone 08 9525 6539.



CCR PENTECOST MASS: 28 May 2023. Charismatic Renewal will conduct a **Praise, Mass & Healing prayer** event at **Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells**, commencing with praise at **2.30pm** followed by Mass at **3pm**, with healing prayer teams available after Mass, followed by Tea & Coffee. What a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church at that first Pentecost! A collection will be taken up to defray costs and support the ministry. Queries to Dan 0409 849 049.





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UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY WITH FR CHRIS ALAR MIC: For one day only, Fr Chris Alar will be coming to WA in Lower Chittering! **Date:** Monday 29 May 2023. **6pm Mass** in the Divine Mercy Shrine (6-10pm), 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering, 6084. **Main Celebrant** and Homilist – Fr Alar. **7-9pm Talk** on Understanding Divine Mercy by Fr Alar. **Note:** Due to length of talk, it is not recommended for children under 16. **Book Online:** \$20 General Admission. Ticket sales go towards travel costs. **Short Biography:** Fr Chris Alar, MIC, is the Provincial Superior of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in the United States and Argentina. He wrote and produced the popular **Divine Mercy 101** and **Explaining the Faith** DVD series and is the author of the bestselling books **After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You**, as well as **Understanding Divine Mercy**. He is host of the EWTN show **Living Divine Mercy**, which airs on Wednesdays, 6.30pm EST. He serves as 'Fr Joseph, MIC', the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

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EVERY THURSDAY - MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: Join us every **Thursday at 1.05pm**, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth for a half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for half an hour for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For information and further details please contact Jacinta (Director of Music) on music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9223 1377.



WANTED - DAY ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITY - EMMANUEL CENTRE: Emmanuel Centre currently has a couple of vacancies for day activities at our centre near East Perth train station. **Mondays and or Tuesdays 9.30am to 2pm.** Cost of \$4.00 per day to cover morning tea and light lunch provided. If interested, please email emmanuelcentre@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9328 8113.



EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - THE SPIRITUALITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI – SECULAR ORDER: If anybody would like to explore the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi, our Fraternity (Secular Franciscan Order) would more than welcome you. We meet every **4th Sunday of the month (except Christmas breaks) 2.30pm at Franciscan Friars Polish Community (OFM), 35 Eighth Avenue, Maylands.** To even just investigate Christian spirituality is exciting, (from Gospel to life, lover of creation, instrument of peace etc) and the then living that life is up to you. Whilst we have the Friars to guide us, our fraternity is primarily composed of lay people (married or single) with diocesan priests being very welcome. **Further info;** SMS Phillip Chantler, 0405 968 596.



NAME CHANGE AND LOCATION – THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA: The Catholic Library of Western Australia is now called Saint John Henry Newman Library and is located at St Catherine's Centre, Doubleview. Resources in print or electronic formats are available and the library is open to the public and membership is free. For more information, please visit the library website www.sjhnlibrary.wa.edu.au.





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OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**



SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. **Amen.**

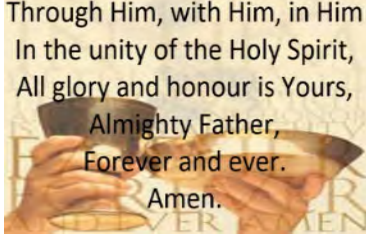



OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. **Amen.**

WEEK 2 13-14 May 6 Easter	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Maria Bradshaw	Frank Cooper
WEEK 3 20-21 May The Ascension of the Lord	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Jason Rozario	Joe De Ornelas



Through Him, with Him, in Him
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is Yours,
Almighty Father,
Forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday Evenings
5.30 – 6.30pm
Friday Mornings
9.30 – 10.30am
Come Visit Jesus
For One Hour
Jesus is Waiting for You





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 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another
Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by
my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

One of the most touching phrases in John's Gospel is Jesus' promise before his death that he would not leave his disciples orphans. The quality of his presence among them would change after the resurrection. In the future the Spirit would be the one instructing, strengthening, and protecting disciples. Jesus promises that whoever receives his commandments will be loved by the Father. This promise is fulfilled when the Samaritans become believers through Philip's ministry of preaching and healing. Samaritans were considered heretical Jews, but their positive reception of the word prompted the Jerusalem community to think again and to send Peter and John to welcome them into the larger community. The gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands is the sign of God's blessing and of their full incorporation into the growing Christian family.

The first letter of Peter was written in a time of great trial and opposition. How were Christians going to respond to false charges against them? How were they able to give a credible account of their Christian faith? These early Christians were urged to remain steadfast and true to their values and belief. Like them, we are encouraged to find our source of strength in the example of Jesus who suffered and died for us even though he was innocent. It is not an easy path we are asked to tread but we are encouraged to see that our best defence is the quality of our lives and the depth of our hope.

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