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5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

9th/10th May, 2020

HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED (PROVERBS 31: 28)

Early from bed and late to return.
Mornings of preparing meals for the family, packing lunchboxes and getting Dad and siblings out the door, checking homework on the way out.
Hear the cry from corner says, 'I don't want this, or I am fed up with that.'
Hands are empty but heart is full, creating the most beautiful you and me.
Another call from a different room, shirt missing, pants, socks,
Help calmly arrives... selects them for you and me.
Must get ready fast, time is moving, okay goodbye
The heart is full of prayer and concerns
Hi Mum, sorry I missed the breakfast, forgot it completely,
Mid-day, Thoughts are flying, are they might be ok?
Finished washings and ironings, a moment of to rest, time passes.
Feeling comfort of safe arrival, busy again, wait to hear about their days
Now the evening, leaves us for our works and play,
Brings together, to reflect the blessings of the day
Shares meals and love together, forget the tiredness.
Yes morning, mid-day and evening, works and cares
No matter of age but concerns are great.
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Happy Mother's Day Mum!
Sorry you didn't give birth to a poet who could rhyme!
But, however and forever...
Her name is: love, care, support, sacrifice, commitment, 24/7, MUM.

Here I wish all mothers a great Happy Mother's Day and my prayer is:

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us whose love is so precious it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

With every blessings

Fr Joson Antony MCBS

Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

READINGS FOR SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us; as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 14:1-12

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.'

Gospel Reflection - Mary Coloe PBVM

The gospel comes from Jesus' farewell meal when he speaks of his departure but also offers his disciples consolation. In the absence of the physical Jesus they will discover God's presence still with them. The image used to offer this consolation is that of the household, family of God. Once again English translations miss this. The original Greek says 'In my Father's *household* there are many dwellings.' The household of God is to be the future community disciples who come to believe in Jesus and are reborn as sons and daughters of God. Chapter 14 goes on to describe the many dwellings in this household – the father who will dwell with believers, Jesus who will dwell with them and the Spirit. In fact chapter 14 emphasises God's coming to dwell within the community so that the community is the household of God's swelling.

You and I now make up the community that is the household of God, where Jesus, the Father and the Spirit dwell. We don't have to wait until death to dwell in God's household, we are that household now. Jesus says, 'I am the way': in and through him we have become God's children.

Children image their parents. In Jesus time he said, 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' So today, if people want to know what God is like, where can they look? You and I as children of God's household are the bearers of God's image for our world. If the world asks, 'Let us see the Father,' we should be able to answer, 'Look at me!'

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

WE REMEMBER

We remember Jill Power. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

We are open and available to help you. If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call the parish office for assistance.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times.

COMING - NEW PARISH GIVING PORTAL

The Parish Giving app is part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. The Parish Giving app allows you to complete your giving on your mobile phone via Android, Apple or Web app. Giving to your parish has never been easier.

This App will be available later this week for you to download. Instructions on how to do so are included with the newsletter.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

Hello! I thought it was about time for a Youth Update! It is definitely a tough time to begin a youth ministry, but as with all things, it must be in God's time, not our own! For the last couple of weeks under this time of social distancing I've been working hard on building the back-end resources that Abundance Youth will rely upon when the country gets back up and running! Our new Website is almost up and running, and there are some great resources and youth-group plans that have been worked up! All in all, I've been finding this is a great time for preparation and anticipation, but I'm definitely excited to return to a new-normal post-virus and start building our youth community. I'd love to hear from anyone who would like more information and to get in touch, please reach out on the Abundance Youth Facebook & Instagram pages on the following links!

<https://www.facebook.com/Abundance-Youth-114497676854096>

<https://www.instagram.com/abundanceyouth/>

Good luck in this time, and be assured you are in my prayers! God Bless, Nick - Youth Coordinator

PARISH FACEBOOK

Fr Joson has been catching up with parishioners where possible; this week he had a chat with Lesley van Trier. Check out the parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL
www.archbne.org/bzw

MASS ON TV - CHANNEL 10

Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

SHALOM MEDIA

<https://shalomworld.org/watchlive/?region=masslive>

TWO MINUTE HOMILY

Each week there is a 2 Minute Homily, presented by one of our archdiocesan priests: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE - DAILY REFLECTIONS

For a theological reflection on the gospel of the day go to: <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

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Visit Archdiocese on Facebook to read about small blessings others have received - <https://www.facebook.com/archbne/>

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Parishioners are invited to visit [#WeAreStillHere](https://www.facebook.com/wearestillhere/) campaign where we feature missionaries around the world and how they are coping in the midst of COVID-19.

The month of May is typically dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. It is also a time when we are encouraged to pray the Rosary. Our 'boss', Pope Francis (we are a Pontifical agency of the Catholic Church), is encouraging everyone to rediscover the beauty of the Rosary. You can read the full text about the Pope's letter commending the Rosary as a prayer form during May at this [link](#) Parishioners are welcome to join us at Catholic Mission Brisbane's Facebook page at noon each week day, as we pray the rosary on Zoom. (<https://www.facebook.com/catholicmissionbrisbane/>)



CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Project Compassion envelopes and money boxes need to be finalised this week. If you have any please drop into the Parish Office or give us a call and we can arrange collection.

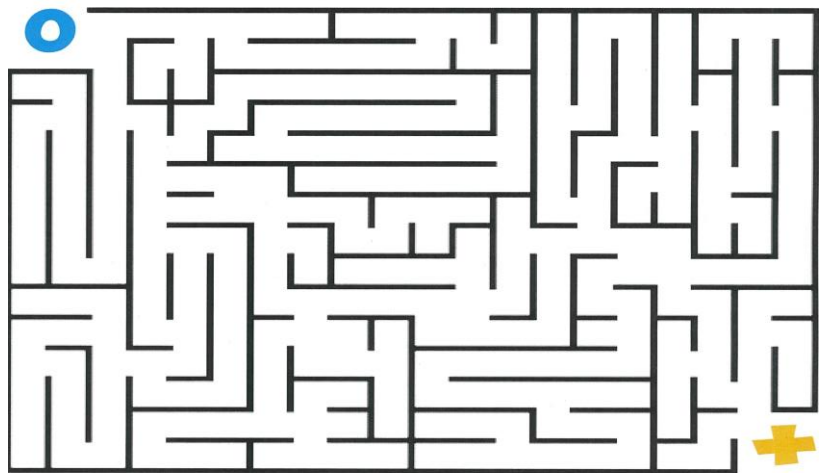
"In today's fragmented world where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential."

Pope Francis

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