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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 21st/22nd, 2022

Dear Parishioners and visitors

Jesus gives us a great gift in this Sunday's Gospel when He says to each of us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." What a wonderful gift to receive in the society in which we live today. Many people are anxious and fearful:

Afraid because of their living situation;

Afraid to go into the streets because of shooting and violence;

Afraid to speak the truth because of repercussions;

Afraid because no place seems safe.

What is peace?

Peace is defined as tranquillity, calmness, serenity. Where do we find inner peace? Does it come from material things; from things I think will make me happy? Peace comes from within me and is pure gift from God.

So how do I get this inner peace as Jesus gives it? It comes from my relationship with Jesus, with God. So what do I do to deepen this relationship with Jesus?

Spend time with Jesus;

Get to know Him;

Learn about Him.

How does He treat people?

What are His attitudes toward life?

We can learn this by taking time for personal prayer; by praying with the Gospel passages which reveal Jesus' life. Jesus accepts us; helps us to move on.

When we are anxious, upset or afraid, we call on Jesus to help us. He is always with us. In such times, Jesus gives us His gift of inner peace. This peace becomes our gift to share with all we meet. Jesus' words reassure us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid!" We will not be overwhelmed by fear and anxiety! We can become peace-bearers to others. What a better world it will be when we offer this gift to our neighbours!

Pope Francis tells us: "Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart. Many people live in a constant hurry. In this way all that they have inside them tends to be overwhelmed . . . Let us try in contemplation and prayer, to achieve ever greater familiarity with God. And gradually we will discover that the heavenly Father wants what is good for us. He wants to see us happy, full of joy and serene."

(Sister Marlene Butler, GNSH)

With every blessings

Fr Jason Antony

Readings: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-1

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

READINGS 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you.

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

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, o that when it does happen you may believe.'

Parish Diary

Monday, May 23rd

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, May 25th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, May 26th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Friday, May 27th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, May 28th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 28th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, May 29th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Rob Marsh. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Grant and the Chorvat and Lloyd families as they celebrate the baptism of Penny and Harper in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) IS BACK! SUNDAY 29 MAY

All children are invited to join us for CLOW!

Sunday 29 May at the 9am mass at St Agnes'.

CLOW is a great way for children to get involved in the mass in a child friendly environment allowing them to have a more active part in the liturgical celebration.

Parents are very welcome!

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES INITIATIVE

You are invited to join us on-line for the official launch by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Signs of our Time Initiative on Tuesday, May 31 from 6:00 – 7:00pm.

Pope Francis wants the Church to be on the streets where people are facing their daily struggles. Signs of Our Times encourages Catholics to do just that. It promotes accompaniment of people on the peripheries of society as an essential element of Catholic social action. It also fosters social action which is firmly grounded in scripture, the Church's social tradition and prayer. Jesus Christ is firmly at the centre of the action promoted by Signs of Our Times. Learn how Signs of Our Times can support your efforts to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God. Also find out about exciting initiatives in which you can get involved.

Join us by registering at:

[Bit.ly/SOOTlaunch](https://bit.ly/SOOTlaunch)

Signs of Our Times is a joint initiative of the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Office for Justice Ecology & Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

AT HOME WITH GOD'S PEOPLE - OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ? How can his life help me to lead mine? What is the Bible? Why do Catholics do the things they do? If you ever ask yourself these questions or have been asked by others and was not sure how to answer, this book may help you.

There will be a copy of the book in the churches this weekend for you to have a look at. If you would like to purchase a copy please email or ring the office to make arrangements for collection.

Cost - \$15

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC MISSION – MAY ROSARY PRAYERS

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary. Monday – Friday commencing 2:00pm. Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/rprayers>. Meeting ID: 857 2970 0836. Password: prayers

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT - PRAYER PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday, June 4th from 9:00am – 12noon
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

A 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Cost \$20. For bookings go to:

https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3?mc_cid=6dfbcff834&mc_eid=13b5147ab4

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For full details visit the following website:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.