

# The Living Word

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**9 May 2021**

## **First Reading**

**Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10**

*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God  
and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have  
known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## **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 15:9-17**

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.



Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you,  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:      Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
                                 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for  
                                 St Mary's Syro-Malabar  
                                 Community (Malayalam  
                                 language)  
OCEAN GROVE:      Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF:      Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Please see below:** Liturgy in our Parish this week

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
is available prior to each weekend Mass

### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

## SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR B

### Anniversaries 9- May to 15- May:

Margaret Nott, Lois Pearce, Josephine Carpenter, Emily Stoneman, Harold Elliot, Gregory Duffy, Simon Millie, Frank O'Connor, Helena Jackiewicz, Giacomo Scuderi, Elaine Bryce, June Myers, Alma Corby, Frank Hayden, Bill Holland, Joan O'Dowd and Matthew Ryan.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Kate Greenwood, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Margaret Lomas, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 11- May at 10:00am:**  
Mike and Barbara Hardy.

### ELECTRONIC CONTACT TRACING & QR CODES:

Activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system** that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API). The previous rule was that electronic record keeping was required for a Place of Worship when applying the one person per two square metres density quotient. **This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.**

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

**If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.**

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**Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal – Sunday 16- May:** Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**We are required to undertake a count of numbers and other statistics of people attending Mass each weekend throughout May.** Thanks in advance to our welcomers and volunteers who will assist in this process.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on **Thursday 13- May** after 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

**Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday**

**Vinnies Winter Donations:** Our shops at Queenscliff and Ocean Grove need donations of warm winter blankets and clothing. Ocean Grove contact is Jen. Phone: 5256 2050. Queenscliff contact is June. Phone: 5258 227. And think of being a volunteer at the shop!

**Memorial Wall at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** The parish is taking expressions of interest for the proposed memorial wall. The niche order & information form is available on the website. Plaque details are not required at this time. All inquiries to Frank Nelson: 5256 1661 or 0413 017 053.

**Parish Pastoral Council Notes**

1. The PPC Constitution and method by which parishioners can contact the PPC, is indicated on the parish website and on the noticeboards at each of our churches.
2. Three nominations have been received from parishioners to become part of the next term of the PPC. These nominations and the make-up of the council for its next term will be determined through a discernment process over these next few weeks.
3. **Save the date:** An early invitation is extended to all parishioners to a Parish Meeting to be conducted at Ocean Grove (school or church) from **3.00-5.00pm. on Sunday, June 20.** The forum will be seeking parish feedback on ministries which might support spirituality, faith development and education, and on ministries of pastoral care and support for parishioners. Among other things, the forum will provide the PPC with parishioner-input into the formulation of a Parish Pastoral Plan. Further information will be provided over the next few weeks.
4. The Parish is about to undertake the process of appointing a Parish Pastoral Worker and an additional Administrative Assistant.

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 6 students attending.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Sts Nereus and Achilleus and St Pancras (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May – St Matthias (Feast)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – The ASCENSION of the LORD (Solemnity)**

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**Mother's Day Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all mothers today and thank them for their guidance and love.

We ask You to bless them with Your own special love, today and always. Amen.



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