

# The Living Word

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**22 May 2022**

## **First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

*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.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

*(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!*  
*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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.)

## **Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23**

*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.

## **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 14:23-29

*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.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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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,  
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

**Recently Deceased:** Valerie Masters, Brigitte Lyons, Barry Macfarlane, Antonio Staltaro.

### **Anniversaries 22- May to 28- May:**

Imri Meszaroz, John Brady, Tony Muscat, Les Reid, Nell Coghlan, Phil Deal, Violet Butler, Mick Bourke, Audrey Howie, Valda Zanoni and Coleen Sheehan.

### **Please pray for those who are Sick:**

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Ros Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), John Simpson, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

### ROSTERS

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

### COUNTERS: Tuesday 24- May at 10:00am:

Des Harris and David Millie.

## Prayers

### *Praying with the Pope in May*

### **Faith-Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## **\*\* 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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**This weekend's annual appeal and special collection:** Catholic Mission: Propagation of the Faith. Please give generously, as you always do.

**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.

**Santa Casa Retreat Day:** "Treasuring our later years: a spirituality of ageing" on **Wednesday 29- June from 10am to 2:45pm**, includes morning tea and lunch. Cost \$25. Facilitator: Sr Nicole Rorau RSM. Limited to 16 people, so book early! To register, email Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM: [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au).



**TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):** Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* p138, "Ecology studies the relationship between living organisms and the environment in which they develop. This necessarily entails reflection and debate about the conditions required for life and the survival of society, and the honesty needed to question certain models of development, production, and consumption. It cannot be emphasized enough how everything is interconnected."

**Faith Development Group, "Call of the Gospel":** interest has been expressed by some attendees of the recent Lenten reflection groups (in attending similar reflections), should they become available. You may be interested in attending group reflection sessions to be offered during the weeks leading up to the Sundays in June, of Pentecost, Trinity, The Body of Christ, and Sacred Heart (commencing the week of 30<sup>th</sup> May). Both weekday mornings and an evening hope to be offered. If interested, please contact a Faith Development Group representative:

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**Exciting News from St Aloysius – 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** our biggest milestone will be the celebration of our 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a school in June. We have a big day of celebrations planned for **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** to mark this very special occasion; including a student dress up day in period (1902) costume, a display of archive material and a morning tea for past and present students and families. If you know anyone who attended St Aloysius over the past 120 years, or you would like to be involved in the Steering Committee, please contact Mrs Narelle Arthur on [narellea@yahoo.com.au](mailto:narellea@yahoo.com.au).

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### **LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Solemnity)**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with OLSOS Year 4 students attending

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – St Augustine of Canterbury (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May – The ASCENSION of the LORD (Solemnity)**

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***We have just celebrated First Eucharist - otherwise called First Holy Communion - with students from our Sacramental Program, and this coming week we'll also celebrate First Reconciliation with students from that program. Our sincere thanks to our parishioners, teachers and volunteers who have led these young people on their faith journey to these important milestones.***



One of the beautiful art projects made by our Confirmation candidates. You can see the image of the Holy Spirit, "The Heavenly Dove", surrounded by a patchwork of colours representing the many gifts of our wonderful young people.

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