

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B  
First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
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.

The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2  
(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
- 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.
- 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.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John  
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.  
The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 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 John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
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.’

The Gospel of the Lord  
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul’s mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth. ‘Catholic’ simply means ‘world wide’, and the Church’s universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ’s victory over death and the true meaning of love: ‘No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.’  
In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to

substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death. This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation. We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.  
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SIXTH SUNDAY  
Of EASTER



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am  
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 14th May 10am  
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Enjoy the Good News  
Wednesdays after 9am  
Mass

Parish Finance Meeting  
Wednesday May 8th  
5.30pm

Cuppa with Mary  
MacKillop Tuesday May  
7th 10am @ thehome of  
Mary O'Neill

Parish Sacramental  
Confirmation Program  
Enrolment Evening  
Thursday 9th May 5pm  
Church

Craft Group 10am  
Thursdays Church Meeting  
Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS  
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove

CHRIST - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Have you ever noticed how often the supreme god in some ancient religions was the Sun? Those of you who do crosswords would be familiar with this clue. 1.Egyptian sun god (2 letters). Answer: RA

The Egyptians, building a civilization two millennia before Christ, lacking our modern astronomy telescopes, were impressed by the Sun. It was always there in the heavens. Even when they couldn’t see its light, it gave off warmth. When it disappeared at night it would faithfully return the next day to assert its power.

A force to be appeased!!

Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226) was also impressed by the Sun. Here’s how he personified it in his Canticle of the Creatures.

“May you, be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially Brother Sun, By whom you give us light for the day. He is beautiful, radiating great splendour and offering us A symbol of yourself, the Most High.”

Jesus himself claimed to have “come as light into the world so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness.” (John 12: 46) He also used the gift of sunlight to illustrate God’s unconditional and universal love.

“I say to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his Sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike.” (Matt5: 45)

“Love your enemies?” An impossible task, you say. Simon/Peter, who had thrice denied even knowing Jesus, might have agreed with you, but the conversion of the non-Jew, Cornelius made him realise “God does not have favourites” (Acts 10; 34)

Let us admit to ourselves any difficulties we have in dealing with other people and turn our shortcomings over to the care of God our Father and Christ his Son and our Brother as we prepare ourselves to be refreshed by the coming of the Spirit of Truth and Light at Pentecost.

Joe Quigley





Mass  
Schedule

## MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 6th — Sunday 12th May

**Monday 6th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 7th:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm  
**Wednesday 8th:** Mass with  
Anointing of the Sick 9am  
**Thursday 9th:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 10th:** Mass 9am  
**Saturday 11th:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30  
**Sunday 12th:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am  
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The  
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

### ROSTERS

#### 4/5 MAY

#### Cleaning

6-11 May Favetta/  
O'Neill/Nugent  
**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer J Anderson  
Commentator: M  
Weatherall  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Naomi Buick  
Computer Screen M  
O'Neill

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet  
Commentator L Page  
Reader: N Beatty  
Eucharistic Ministers  
N Page & L Stevens  
Computer Screen T Priest

#### MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

#### COUNTERS

T Priest/P Wilden

#### 11/12 MAY

#### Cleaning

13-18 D & L May  
**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer: K Conway  
Commentator: P O'Kelly  
Reader: J Mackay  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Naomi Buick  
Computer Screen J  
O'Sullivan

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer P Jobs  
Commentator . B Basevi  
Reader: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Scicluna, L Rodwell  
Computer Screen D May

#### MORNING TEA:

J Barroman G  
Berryman

#### COUNTERS

T & A Jackson

A CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT  
EVENING will be held at  
St Bernard's Church on Thursday 9th  
May at 5pm

For updates regarding the Parish  
Sacramental Program, please  
refer to the parish website:  
[cg.org.au/batemansbay](http://cg.org.au/batemansbay)  
or for further information  
Email:

[batemansbay.sacraments@cg.org.au](mailto:batemansbay.sacraments@cg.org.au)

**REMINDER:** Wednesday 8th  
May Mass with Anointing of the  
Sick at 9am

**Marian Pilgrimage**  
will be on Sunday 5th May  
at the Cobargo Church at  
2.30pm.

If you have any further  
queries please give Fr Loi a  
call on  
0450 699 363

**THANK YOU** to the  
Mens Shed for  
refurbishing the stool near  
the Lectern in the church.  
Much appreciated.

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop**  
will be at the home of Mary O'Neill on Tuesday May 7,  
10am - 11 am. **Enquiries:** Mary O'Neill  
(m) 0403 147 242

### **YOU ARE INVITED**

To attend all three **Retreat Mornings at St Bernard's Church**  
in the Meeting Room on Tuesdays May 14th, May 28th, 11th  
June from 9.30-12 noon.

Cost: Free  
BYO Shared Morning Tea. We will be exploring  
"Secret Place-Sacred Paths"

May 14th— **The Coastal Experience of Prayer**  
May 28th— **The Mountain Experience of Prayer**  
June 11th— **The Rural Experience of Prayer**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** one week prior to each  
retreat.

Ph: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Fr Loi will be away at the Annual Clergy  
Assembly at Galong from Monday 13th May  
through until Friday 17th May. Fr John will be  
celebrating Mass with us that week.

We hope Fr Loi and all the priests enjoy their  
week at Galong.

### Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen . We visit and  
take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a  
month.

**Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057**

If you would like to join the  
Parish e-platform giving for both  
the Priest and the Church, the  
details are as follows:  
**PARISH FINANCIAL**  
**SUPPORT**

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### **Good Shepherd Sunday** **Appeal –**

Collection for Formation of our  
Seminarians:

Last weekend this appeal was launched  
and we give thanks for the young men  
whose families and lives are planted in  
our local parishes and who, God will-  
ing, will return as ordained priests to  
serve here.

Please give a generous **donation** today  
or begin a **monthly**  
**donation** to support the education of  
our seminarians.

Donations can be made through the  
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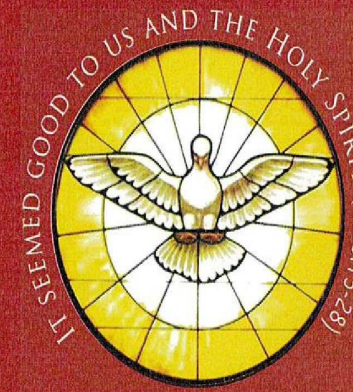
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### **Remembering the Sick:**

Keith Cook, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



## YEAR OF THE **Holy Spirit**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions May

**For the formation of  
religious and  
Seminarians**

We pray that religious women  
and men, and seminarians,  
grow in their own vocations  
through their human,  
pastoral, spiritual and  
community formation, leading  
them to be credible witnesses  
to the Gospel.

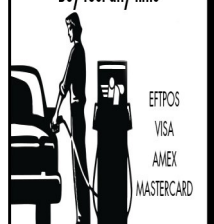


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