

## FIRST READING

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they saw had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/:** Let all the earth cry out to God  
with joy.

## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words, and  
my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### **A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be the one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.”



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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year A**

**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**

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### ***Focus on the Readings...***

Today's Gospel alerts the disciples to that time when Jesus will no longer be with them. His departure will be a severe challenge to their faith, and Jesus gives voice to the challenge: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.' This challenging call to follow the commandments of Jesus is accompanied by a gift—the gift of someone else, the advocate, who will be by their side during that interim period between the two comings. Jesus does promise to return, and in the meantime, his presence, and that of the Father, lives on in the love that is to be the way of life of the Christian. The Holy Spirit is not a thing apart from God and Jesus but the bond of love between them, and the believer is drawn into this love and becomes a part of it through living the way of Christ. Through the Spirit, Jesus remains forever present to the church.

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**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 6:30 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Tuesday 6.00 pm  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
 Saturday 9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Monday 9.15 am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A**  
**16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Frank Thatcher, Salvatore Vargetto,  
 Patricia Hynes

...and all who died recently.

**We also remember:**

...and all whose anniversaries occur about  
 this time.

**OLA "LAUDATO SI" GROUP CORNER**

The OLA "Laudato Si" group have been meeting online and continue to be mindful of the issues that Pope Francis in his encyclical brought to the world's attention: climate change, sustainability, circular economy models, social and cultural ecology etc.

**Celebrate Laudato Si Week 2020 with Pope Francis: May 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.** This is a full week of workshops, all offered completely free of charge. To register go to:

<https://laudatosiweek.org>

You can download the encyclical at:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si\\_en.pdf](http://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf)

A 'Universal Prayer for Creation' is also available here:

<https://laudatosiweek.org/prayer>

We hope that you are all staying well and blessed.

– The 'LS' Team.

The **Archdiocese of Melbourne** provides a **Coronavirus Update** on its website. The latest guidelines are available for download here:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24441/Coronavirus-Update>

**COUNSELLING:** All counselling will now be over the phone or video consultations due to COVID-19. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact AnneMaree Eddy directly on: 0403 284 536, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner.



Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer, this event offers participants theory and practice in meditation and mindfulness. Join us for an opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. Cost \$20. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJNSJ>.

For more information, email:

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**PLANT STALL NEWS** As with so many other events, the date of our Parish Fete is uncertain. However, the good news is that plants can continue to grow and be available for sale whenever we're given the 'go ahead'. So, if you're looking for a project during Isolation, please consider striking some cuttings, and get "growing".

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FAITH FORMATION & INFORMATION:**


The **Christian Classics Ethereal Library** is a digital library of hundreds of classic Christian books: <https://ccel.org/>

**Lectio Divina May 2020** for daily prayer: <https://ocarm.org/en/carmel/lectio-divina-may-2020>

The **Holy See** to view the written works of Pope Francis and news from the Vatican: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible online: [www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass) Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

**NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK**

 is celebrated every year from 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May. The beginning coincides with the United Nations International Day for Families, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. It affords us all the opportunity to celebrate and strengthen our family relationships. This year, CatholicCare have altered their classroom activities at both Primary and Secondary levels, for use in a home setting. It is an opportunity for special prayer, reflection, discussion and fun activities, relating to that most important institution - the family! CatholicCare has been providing resources and impetus for Family Week since 1985. The resources can be found at the following link: [ccam.org.au/page/123/family-week-2020](http://ccam.org.au/page/123/family-week-2020)

