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Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
 Monday to Friday
 8am Saturday
 & Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
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Spread the Word

Vol. 35 No. 18**5th Sunday of Easter****10 May 2020****Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The first reading for this Sunday paints a picture of the early Christian community quite different from those of preceding Sundays. Earlier we saw a community that was of one mind and one heart. Today we observe tension. Hellenists and Hebrews are divided over the lack of care given Greek widows. This was a practical matter, not a point of doctrine. The reading draws the lines of authority that existed within the community. Peter does not stand as sole leader. Instead, the entire group of apostles addresses the problem. They distinguish between various ministries and they appoint members who will meet the needs brought before them. Furthermore, the community selects those who will exercise the ministry, and the apostles commission them.



Today's responsorial psalm opens with an invocation to praise God for the blessings of creation and the care shown to human beings. God is acclaimed as trustworthy and God's word is as firm as is God's own self. It was by this word alone that the universe was created. The psalmist moves from consideration of covenant commitment to that of divine providence. God cares for all who fear the Lord, who stand in awe of and wonder at God's great power and majesty. The Lord looks upon the people, presumably with eyes of compassion and love. Finally, God is characterised as a saviour, one who will deliver them and preserve them in the face of great need.

Using an image from construction, the author of 1 Peter develops both a Christological theme and an ecclesiological one. He characterises both Christ and Christians as living stones. He seems to be saying that by coming to Christ, the living stone, Christians, as living stones themselves, are built into a spiritual house. Despite being the living stone that gives life, Christ was rejected by human beings. Though so rejected, Christ was chosen by God to be the cornerstone of the building that is constructed out of the living stones that are the Christians. As such, Christ becomes the focus of judgment. Those who believe in him are not put to shame, but those who reject him will stumble in darkness.

In the gospel Jesus develops two major theological themes: eschatology and Christology. First, Jesus seeks to strengthen his followers, who appear to be troubled at the thought of his departure. He does not conceal it, but he interprets it in a very positive way. He is indeed leaving, but he is going to the dwelling place of God and he promises to return to get them so that they can be together again. Jesus does not focus on the end of his life, only on the joyful events that will follow it. If his death is his departure and his resurrection is his return, then his union with his followers is the mutual indwelling enjoyed in this life by those united with him.

Mass from Our Lady of Graces Parish via Live Stream

Mass is live streamed from Our Lady of Graces Parish every day at 7am. To view, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and find the Facebook news feed on the home page. You do not need Facebook to view the Mass.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Geoffrey Frugniet, Una Kenny, Rita Marshall, Frances Long and the recently deceased Nigel Westhorp, Joseph Kingsley Perera.

Church Roof Update – Week 3

This week the builders have started to work on recovering the concrete pillars at the entrance to the church. The first part of this has been rebattening the concrete pillars, which you can see from the below picture. The roofers are also continuing their work to repair the roof area at the four corners of the church.



The entrance to the church on Thursday 7 May

St Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of Graces

St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces is experiencing an increase in requests for assistance from a number of international students who are currently studying at various tertiary institutions across Brisbane and living within our Community (private rental).

As you may be aware these students do not receive any government Centrelink support. The students have lost their part-time jobs due to COVID restrictions. These students are going to require ongoing financial assistance primarily for purchasing food.

If you can assist, please donate to St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces via electronic banking –

- BSB: 064 162
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The reference of 2303 is important, as this ensures funds are allocated to the St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces, Carina Conference. All funds donated are tax deductible and receipts can be provided. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Barbara Dougherty, SVdP Carina Conference

The Church at Work during COVID-19

The church building is closed but we the church, as the Body of Christ, are still doing wonderful things in our Parish. Below is just a snapshot of this work happening, following the distancing requirements.

- SVdP are providing assistance to people in our parish community
- The Social Justice Group are conducting their once a month meeting via teleconference
- Volunteers are contacting parishioners through the COVID-19 Outreach Initiative

As Archbishop Mark has said to us, *'If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open'*.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Dominican Fathers are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. The Sacrament is being held under the big tree outside the church or in the parish library. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977.

Stay Connected

Our parish website has a page called 'Stay Connected' www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html

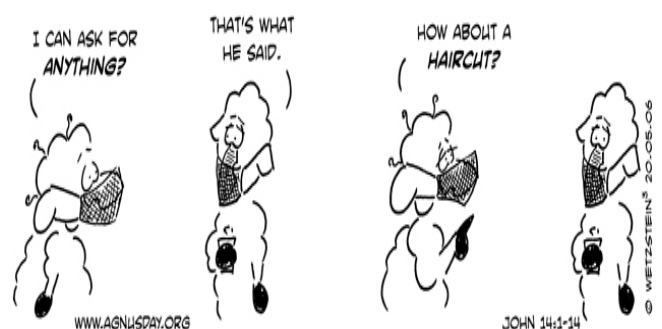
Each week, this page is updated with resources to help all parishioners nurture their faith. This includes the Sunday Readings, Family Prayer Resources and Activity Sheets. You can also access Spread the Word, The Catholic Leader and other resources from the Archdiocese. Please check it out.

COVID-19 Outreach Initiative to Parishioners

We continue to contact more parishioners through this outreach initiative. If you know of someone who would like a phone call, let Shelly or Chris know at the parish office and we will add the person to the list.



Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Clairvaux MacKillop College Enrolments

Clairvaux MacKillop College have cancelled 'Windows' Day Tours scheduled for Wednesday 6th May, Friday 5th June and Friday 31st July. However, they are still accepting enrolment applications for 2021 - 2024. If you would like to submit an enrolment application, please visit the College website and click on Enrolment Application Forms. If you have any questions, please contact the Enrolment Secretary on 3347 9223 or enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au

Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her
children, so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

- Psalm 33 (32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and

the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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