

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B – 28th April 2024

FIRST READING : Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32



 \mathbb{R} I will praise you Lord in the as-sem-bly of the peo-ple.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him, The poor shall eat and have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him, May their hearts live forever and ever. \mathbb{R}

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worshp before him. They shall workshop him, all the might of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. \mathbb{R}

Thursday Evenings, 7-9pm... THE MASS EXPLAINED

A new Thursday-Evening Formation-Series on the Mass. Join us as we walk through the parts of the Mass and study their biblical foundations. Give your cell-number to Office (Ellen) to be added to the notification list.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: "These things the Lord has done." \mathbb{R}

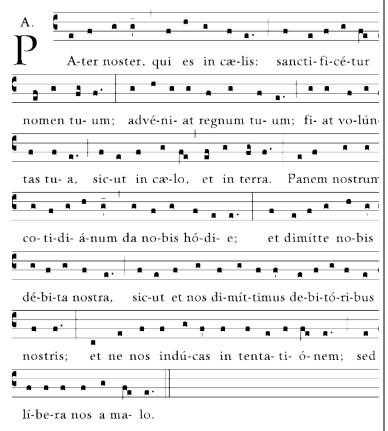
SECOND READING : 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son lesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL : John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Bring all ye dear bought nations, bring, your richest praises to your King. Alleluia! Alleluia! That spotless Lamb who more than due, paid for His and those sheep you, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That guiltless Son who bought your peace, and made his Father's anger cease. Alleluia! Alleluia! Then life and death together fought, each to a strange extreme were brought, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I saw the tomb of my dear Lord, I saw Himself and Him adored. Alleluia! Alleluia! I saw the shroud and saw the sheet, that bound His head and wrapt His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I heard the angels witness bear, "Jesus is risen, He's not here. Alleluia! Alleluia! Go tell His followers they shall see, your Hope and theirs in Galilee." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We, Lord, with faithful heart and voice, on this Thy rising day rejoice. Alleluia! Alleluia! O Thou whose pow'r o'er came the grave, by grace and love us sinners save, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,

risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

COMMUNION HYMN:

CHORUS: By Your kingly power O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored, in Your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison, shout our triumph to the sky, Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen, death has no more victory. Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won, every newborn child we christen, now becomes the Father's Son. Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever ev'n the spirit of truth

Lord, make me to know thy ways, O Lord. O Lord, teach me thy paths, O lead me in thy truth, and teach me, For thou art the God of my salvation.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified. hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ that once was slain n'er burst His three day prison our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump' from east to west, shall raise the dead in number. Had Christ that once was slain n'er burst His three day prison our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

The temple now restored, and from its side a river. The Crucified is Lord, salvation to deliver. Had Christ that once was slain N'er burst His three day prison our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

For death and life have fought, with life though slain, the winner My life by Blood He bought, while I was yet a sinner. Had Christ that once was slain n'er burst His three day prison our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th May 2024 *Sixth Sunday of Easter (Yr B) Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10: Jn 15:9-17*

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: M. D'Souza, B. Molloy Prayers of the Faithful: E. O'Brien Offertory: Shaw Family Special Ministers: K. Selvan

> **CHURCH CLEANING** 24hr Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Imago Dei – Young Adults

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 29 April: Helen Freer 30 April: George Tempany, Ray Keen

1 May: Cushla Jamieson, Patricia Wallace **4 May:** John Doyle, Richard Grubb, Rowena Miljak

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,296.40
Priests	<u>\$1,148.20</u>
Total AP's and Cash	\$3,444.60

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

24 Hour Adoration – 3rd May- 6pm to 4th May – 6pm. We have a few slots left to fill –Friday 3rd May - 6pm to 7pm, 8pm to 9pm, 9pm to 10pm

Saturday 4th **May –** 5am to 6am. If you are available to fill these spots, please contact the Parish Office – <u>hfparish@xtra.co.nz</u> or 098346677

Last chance to register your children for the Catechetical Programme: Baptism Preparation Classes for older Children (7 years and older) starts next Saturday 4th May at 4pm in the Joseph Centre. Please register with the Parish Office hfparish@xtra.co.nz or 098346677.

Female flatmate wanted

A single room in our spacious, warm flat in Epsom will be available in late May. Flat with 2 Catholic women, close to St Michael's, Remuera, near train and bus, secure carpark. Please contact Theresa for more information: 0273891941, pattysplace77@gmail.com

Catholic Spiritual Retreat – Walking by faith: Trusting God's way, 53 Turner Road Ararimu from 24th May to 26th May – early bird \$130 and standard rego \$150. Early bird till 5th May. Price includes food and accommodation. To register contact <u>bml.auckland@gmail.com</u>

Dear Parents, please do remember that we have a Crying Room if your child begins to cry

Church Carpark – Please do not park on the grass or the driveway at the front of the Church. There is plenty of parking behind the Church.