

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## FIRST READING : Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 97(98):1-4



R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving help.

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.  $\mathbb{R}$ 

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.  $\mathbb{R}$ 

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. 🦹

## SECOND READING : 1 John 4:7-10

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.

#### GOSPEL : John 15:9-17

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.'

"Christianity is not a philosophical speculation; it is not a construction of our mind. Christianity is not "our" work; it is a Revelation and we have no right to reconstruct it." A. P A-ter noster, qui es in cæ-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu- um; advé-ni- at regnum tu- um; fi- at vo-lúntas tu- a, sic-ut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum co- ti-di- á-num da no-bis hó-di- e; et dimítte no-bis dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos di-mít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in tenta- ti- ó- nem; sed

lí-be-ra nos a ma- lo.

# 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.

Joseph Ratzinger

## 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:**

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

God so loved the world, That he gave his only begotten Son, That who so believeth, in Him Should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**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

Catechism Classes start again TODAY after the 9:30am Mass.

**Parents:** there is a cup of tea in the hall while you wait for your child or children.

#### NEXT SUNDAY: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Ascension of the Lord (Yr B)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20;

#### LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: L. Ahio, N. Nunes Prayers of the Faithful: C. Tagiilima Offertory: N & V Fakava Special Ministers: P. Capundag

> CHURCH CLEANING Imago Dei – Young Adults

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER Tongan Community

# ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5 May: John Sheehan, Eurice D'Lima
6 May: Clare Peters, Herbert Fincher, Caroline King
7 May: Phillip Turnock
8 May: Slade Bonkovich, Vincent Morell
9 May: Alphonse Gomez
10 May: William Can, Marija Mihaljevich, Hilda Moore, Joseph Manual Gomez

## PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,445.47
Priests	<b>\$</b> 1,222.73
Total AP's and Cash	\$3,668.20

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES Self-taught Art- Evervone can be an artist- Free classes in the Parish Hall on Saturday's once a month – starts 18<sup>th</sup> May (May to October) 2pm to 3pm suits anyone who is interested in Art, no age limitation for adults, children above 5 ideally. Topics are How to self-taught art? tools and resources, The basic drawing skills practice, Find your own style-Mixed Media Introduction, Pen & Ink drawing-Texture, Colour pencil drawing-Layering, Mixed Media- Pen & Ink drawing + Watercolour painting. To register see Ellen in the Parish Office, hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Homestavs for pre-seminary students The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

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

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.