

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023



Readings for this week: Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18 or 4:13-16
John 14:15-21 or 17:1-11



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Dedication of a Cathedral

Through his death and resurrection, Christ became the true and perfect temple of the New Covenant and gathered together a people to be his own. This holy people, made one as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, is the Church that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is worshiped in spirit and in truth. Rightly, then, from early times 'church' has also been the name given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to celebrate the Eucharist and to receive the sacraments. #1 The anniversary of the dedication of its cathedral is a solemnity in the cathedral and a feast in the churches of the diocese. It is desirable that the bishop celebrate the Eucharist with the council of priests and as many people as possible. #26 Rite of Dedication of a Church. Anniversary of Dedication of Sacred Heart Cathedral is on Monday 15 May.

Looking at the Readings

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope." © Dianne Bergant CSA

World Social Communications Day 14 May

Focus for this Day 2023 is "speaking with the heart". It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating. May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides.

May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another.

Pope Francis Message for 57th World Day of Social Communications.

On the Lighter Side

What is Thor's preferred method of communication?


Norse code.

What are gangsters preferred method of communication?

Gmail

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Bill Worm, Gillian Brown (Grumsley)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Felice Carrafa, Lourdu Mary Pasala
	Our sick and their carers	Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey, Teresa Mutto, Vito Prinzi

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sat 6:00 pm 20 May	Carol Coulston	Peter Crombie	Shelia Gregg	J Caiafa D Hamilton	N/A	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 21 May	Rob Miller	Rita Fairchild	Doreen Corrigan	A Basile M Sgammotta	Debbie Worm	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 28 May	CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST					

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 15th May

Weekday Mass

Mon 15 th May	No Mass
Tue 16 th May	No Mass
Wed 17 th May	9:15 am Mass
Thur 18 th May	No Mass
Fri 19 th May	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 20 th May	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 21 st May	10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 22 nd May	No Mass
Tue 23 rd May	No Mass
Wed 24 th May	9:15 am Mass
Thur 25 th May	No Mass
Fri 26 th May	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 27 th May	No Mass
Sun 28 th May	10:30 am Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass

Reconciliation 3rd June



Personalised Rosaries



Are you looking for a special rosary as a gift or just for something special for yourself, or your Mum.

Connie Serra is making personalised Rosaries please speak to her to organise.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Thoughts for 6th Sunday of Easter Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

Finding Comfort and Strength

In the gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He tells them that he will ask the Father to send them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them forever. This Advocate will teach them all things and remind them of everything Jesus has said to them.

As Catholics, we believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace and strength to live our lives according to God's will.

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit is a great source of comfort and hope for us as Catholics. The Holy Spirit is not just an abstract concept, but a real and present force in our lives. When we receive the Sacraments, particularly Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ.

Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that he will not leave them as orphans, but will come to them. This is a powerful reminder that even when we feel alone or abandoned, God is always with us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are connected to God and to one another as members of the Body of Christ.

We Are Not Evangelizing Alone

As we continue to reflect on the readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, we are reminded of the profound gift that Jesus has given us in the Holy Spirit. Even though Jesus is no longer with us physically, he has not left us on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, we are not alone. In fact, we are invited into the very life of the Trinity – a life of communion and love.

Jesus speaks of the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name. This Spirit will teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus has said to us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given the wisdom and strength to understand and live out the Gospel message. We are empowered to be witnesses to Christ in the world.

This is beautifully illustrated in the early Christian community, which is completely driven by the Holy Spirit. The apostles preached the Good News with such power that many were baptized. The Holy Spirit acted through them, inspiring them to boldly proclaim the Gospel and perform miraculous signs and wonders. When the apostles laid hands on the newly baptized, they too received the Holy Spirit.

As we reflect on these passages, we are reminded that evangelization is not something we can do on our own. We need to let the Holy Spirit act through us. When we

share the Good News with others, we must do so with a deep awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance. We must be open to the Spirit's promptings, allowing him to use us as instruments of his grace and love.

Ultimately, the love we express for each other is the love of the Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are drawn into the life of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to love one another as Christ has loved us. May we always be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we be bold witnesses to Christ in the world..

Reflection Questions for 6th Sunday of Easter Year A

- What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do I actively seek the Holy Spirit in my life, or do I tend to overlook this important aspect of my faith?
- Can I think of a time when I felt empowered by the Spirit? What was the situation, and how did the Holy Spirit help me through it?
- How do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my daily life? Do I take time to pray and listen for the Spirit's guidance?
- Where do I see the Holy Spirit at work in my community? How do I see the Spirit inspiring and guiding others in their faith journey?
- How can I be more open to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in my life? What practical steps can I take to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Spirit?
- In what areas of my life do I need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength? How can I invite the Spirit to help me in these areas?
- How can I be a better witness to Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to work through me? What specific actions can I take to share the Gospel message with others in a way that is guided by the Spirit??

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord God,

In your plan of creation, you included mothers in your work of creating and nurturing new life. In you is found all the strength we need as we remember our mothers this Sunday.

O Jesus on the cross, you gave to the whole world your own mother. Since Mary is the model for all mothers, we turn to her with our own petitions and pray: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen