

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
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.
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.
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
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
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.
The word of the Lord.

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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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 an 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.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

FAREWELL GIFT FOR FR GEORGE
A retiring collection will be taken up at ALL Masses: at St Jude's, Gumdale and St John Vianney's, Manly: over the next two weekends for parishioners to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr George.



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| <p>Pastor Fr George Joseph josephg@bne.catholic.net.au Parish Secretary Kate Sellwood manly@bne.catholic.net.au Office Hours: Mon Wed Fri 8.30am – 2pm Ministry Coordinator Nola Smith sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Peter Smyth-Kirk Secretary Pam Biggs-Chapman Parish Finance Committee Chair: Hugh Davies Safeguarding Officer Les Sellwood: Mob: 0401 382 085 SJV Primary School Manly Ph: 3097 2900 Email: pmanly@bne.catholic.net.au</p> | <p>6/7 MAY 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places... “Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these...” (John 14: 1-12) “My Blessed, Autistic Life” Gus Hardy is a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Just out of college, he works at the Poverello Center, the state’s largest homeless shelter in Missoula, Montana. He arrives at 6.30am every morning and spends his day helping the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the addicted, the mentally ill and those just released from prison. It’s a job that requires a lot of “people skills” that do not come naturally to Gus as Gus was born with autism. “In my work I have been called ‘cold,’ ‘impersonal’ (and far worse) about as many times as I have been told that I am doing the work of God. No matter what people say, I look each person in the eye and try with everything I can muster to create the empathic connection that seems to come so easily to other people. It is bitter work for me, more than for most of the world, but God has called me to it, so I have got to step up... In college Gus discovered a different idea of God in the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Gus realized that his life could be “something more.” “I cannot tell you why God created me this way. I cannot say what purpose autism is meant to serve, and I cannot tell you if you are meant to conform to my behavioural standards or I am to yours. All I can say is that God pulled me out of a very dark time and gave me hope and a great gift, a sense of something beyond myself. In doing so, I was shown that the world is full of God’s people who also cry out in their own ways, and I am called to serve them. “Whenever I consider my possible life plans, they are always in the context of serving others... A life of service can be difficult, and having a disorder that biologically wires one to have a hard time being with others does not help. But I am hoping that the fact that I’m out here, pushing myself to both serve and understand others must mean that I care all the more.” Gus Hardy has found purpose in his life in God-centered service. It’s a struggle for him, to be sure, but he finds meaning, fulfillment and joy in his life, “do[ing] the works that I do.” May we embrace and be embraced in that same Spirit, enabling us to reflect the love of God in Christ for one another. On the night before he died, Jesus asks his disciples to take up “the work that I do”: the work of humble servanthood that places the hurts and pain of others before our own, the work of charity that does not measure the cost, the work of love that transcends limits and conditions. The simplest work of compassion and charity, done in God’s spirit of love, is to do the very work of Christ; the most hidden and unseen acts of kindness will be exalted by Christ as great in the kingdom of his Father. <i>Connections / MediaWorks</i></p> |
| <p>We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians - the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples on whose land we walk, live and worship.</p> | |

FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 08 Mon | No Mass |
| 09 Tues | 6.00pm Mass |
| 10 Wed | 9:00 am Rosary 9.30am Mass |
| 11 Thurs | 9.30am Mass |
| 12 Fri | 9.30am Mass |
| 13 Sat | 4:30pm Reconciliation |
| | Sixth Sunday of Easter 5.00pm Mass (First Holy Communion) |
| 14 Sun | 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (First Holy Communion) |



Make disciples of all nations' (Matt 28:19)

On the Feast of Corpus Christi - June 11, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community.

The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

For those unable to join the Procession on the day, the celebration will be livestreamed. For more details go to:

www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

Of your charity, please pray for:

Recently deceased: Inda Yeng Malinao, Kevin Vost, Sandy Roberts, Christopher Lees, Patricia Osborne, Greg Casey, Joan Rooney.

Anniversaries: Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Alice Condon, Frances Cassell, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Gina Clair, Victor Berger, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, William Jackson, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Bernard Peterson, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Margaret Lawder, Keith Furner, Kathleen Howard, Brett Ledwidge, Mervyn Lewis, Beatrice Fox, Mary Massie, Ivy Rafter, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Anastasia Tripcony, Geoffrey Peake, Ann Riseham, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise, Mitchell Swee, James Bulinski, Lucia Sottile and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We Pray For The Sick: Dan Ransom, Emily de Looze, Ian Lennon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Emma Walters, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Jocelyn Barron, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Pat Ellis, Natasha Skitmore, Jack & Mary Beard, Dell Chapman and Anne Dixon.

To include a name in our 'We Pray For The Sick' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES

5pm on Saturday 13 May
9.30am on Sunday 14 May

Fr George's Farewell Morning Tea Sunday 21 May 2023

Fr George will be celebrating his final Mass in St John Vianney's Parish at 9.30am on Sunday 21 May.

We encourage parishioners to attend this Mass followed by a fully catered morning tea in the Parish Hall.

Come along and show your love and appreciation for Fr George who has helped us build a vibrant parish community in the short time he has been with us.

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| Sat 6 May | Maureen B | Holy Communion Candidates | | Alison G | FHC | G |
| Sun 7 May | Robert A | Holy Communion Candidates | | Margaret H | FHC | |
| Sat 13 May | Holy Communion Candidates | | | Denise D | Anjoline | A |
| Sun 14 May | Holy Communion Candidates | | | Katherine M | Donna | |

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ST VINCENT DEPAUL NEED YOUR HELP



Manly St Vincent de Paul Conference has been operating in our Parish since 1938. Through the generosity of parishioners, thousands of local families have been helped during this time. People experiencing hardship are assisted in various ways, via: financial help with groceries, furniture or white goods; advice on housing, bills or loans; assistance with schoolbooks and uniforms etc. At Christmas time, we prepare and deliver hampers of Christmas fare, donated by parishioners and families at our Primary School.

To enable this valuable ministry to continue, we are seeking new volunteers! Each pair of volunteers is rostered on **one afternoon per week or fortnight** (usually from 4-6pm) to visit and assist local people experiencing hardship. We also have a meeting on the first Monday evening of the month.

If you have a heart for social justice and want to make a difference, please consider joining our group. Simply talk to any one of the Manly SVdP members (see poster at the back of church) or contact GailAnn Harrison on 0407 581 066 or Peter Anderson on 0412 252 652. You may also email Peter on Peter.Anderson@svdpgld.org.au

Pentecost Sunday - International Lunch Sunday 28th May 2023



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Lunch.

♦ **Dress in your national costume**

♦ **Bring a dish to share that represents your culture**
For catering purposes sign up sheets are in church foyer.

For the Children

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

I am the way

Today Jesus tells his disciples that they already know the way to the place he is going, even though they have never been there before. We will see how confused they became and how Jesus explained all that they needed to know.

LET US PRAY

The Lord is just and good. He shows the humble the way and teaches them his will. With loyalty and love he leads those who obey his commandments.



The Romero Centre was established in 2000 by the Sisters of Mercy. It is a Brisbane charity providing refugees with free case management, trauma counselling, legal advice, medical care, English tutoring and social support. **They DO NOT receive government funding hence rely on the goodwill of the community to provide these services.**

In the spirit of Pope Francis' compassion for the vulnerable and marginalised, *Fratelli Tutti*, and as part of our outreach programme, SJV Parish would like to provide **on-going** support to the Romero Centre.

The best way to do this is via the donation of:

- Go Cards
- Coles or Woolworths gifts cards (\$20 or \$25)
- Multi shop gift cards (small denominations)
- Cash donation

Cards or cash may be placed in the weekend collection, in a **sealed envelope marked The Romero Centre**. If you prefer to donate via their website a tax invoice will be issued.

<https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au>

Many thanks in anticipation of your support for this very worthy cause

BUILDING COMMUNITY

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

The PPC members are keen to continue building our parish community through organising a variety of Social Events including Bus Trips, Movie Nights, BBQ's, Quiz Nights, Table 4 Eight Dinners and so on. If you have any suggestions and/or would like to help organise any of these events please put a note in the PPC Suggestion Box. All ideas will be discussed at the next PPC Meeting.

