

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that

you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL- John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps
them will be one who loves me; and anybody who
loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Ephesians 1:17-23

*Mass of Anointing
9.30am
Wednesday 17 May
All Are Welcome.*

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron,
St John Vianney, who said "He is here".
We recognise Christ is in the Word, the
Eucharist, and in us His people, with a
special reverence for Him in the poor
and marginalised.
We are called to make Christ present
through our prayer and charity.
We seek to grow in our spiritual lives
and create a community where
everyone is welcome; the young and the
old, together to experience the loving
presence of God.
We believe He is here amongst us and
we joyfully go out to make Him present
to all.

13/14 MAY 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"[The Father] will give you another Advocate to be with you always... he remains with you and will be in you... "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." (John 14: 15-21)

Operating in war zones

David Nott has seen humanity at its worst. For the past 30 years, Dr. Nott has served as a surgeon in war zones and territories devastated by natural disasters. Dr. Nott has treated victims of barrel bombs in Syria and snipers in Bosnia. During one surgery, the nurse standing next to him was killed by a bullet.

In 1993 the British physician took unpaid leave and volunteered in Sarajevo with *Medecins Sans Frontieres*. Today, Dr. Nott's foundation works with the International Red Cross and other humanitarian organisations to train surgeons and medical professionals to work in regions of conflict, violence and catastrophe. The intensive five-day course Dr. Nott and his associates have developed and teach is based on his own war surgery experience.

When asked how he managed to survive so many close calls, is it luck or is it God, Dr. Nott replied that his success is due largely to his ability to build relationships. "You can't stop bullets or bombs, but you can develop relationships with people whereby they don't want you to die, or they don't want you to be in a situation whereby your life is at risk." Such relationship-building has enabled Dr Nott to save lives not only on the operating table but through careful negotiation and intervention.

As well as seeing the worst of humanity, Dr. Nott has witnessed acts of extraordinary kindness and heroic generosity. How does he reconcile these opposing sides of human nature?

"There are some people who use their power to make things better and have a positive effect on people's lives, there are others who use power to destroy everything around them. I think the majority of humans are good."

David Nott and the many selfless and courageous physicians and medical professionals like him who serve in the most dangerous places on earth mirror the Spirit-Advocate in our midst; their work is the work God entrusted to his Son – and now his Son entrusts to us. They see the "commandment" of Jesus to love one another as more than just a feeling or emotion or some unattainable ideal: to love in the Spirit of God is to take on the hard work of building relationships through patient understanding and tireless empathy. The Spirit of God enables us to realize the good we possess that can be the means of re-creating our corner of the world in the hope and peace of the Risen One.

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We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians - the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples on whose land we walk, live and worship.

FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

15 Mon No Mass
 16 Tues 6.00pm Mass
 17 Wed 9:00 am Rosary
 9.30am **MASS OF ANOINTING**
 18 Thurs 9.30am Mass
 19 Fri 9.30am Mass
 20 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 5.00pm Mass
 21 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)
 9:30am Mass (**Fr George's final Mass**)
10.30am Farewell Morning Tea
for Fr George (Parish Hall)



Significant effort has been made in the background over the last few months regarding the future of both Father George and our Parish. This culminated in an open letter being sent to the Archdiocese expressing our concerns for our collective futures. A copy of this letter has been posted on the Notice Board. The Archdiocese responded to that letter on Tuesday 9 May stating that Bishop Tim has arranged for a video meeting with Fr George's Provincial Superior later this week, and a response is expected in the following week.

We ask all parishioners to pray for a good outcome for all concerned in the coming week.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 13 May	Holy Communion Candidates			Denise D	Anjoline	A
Sun 14 May	Holy Communion Candidates			Katherine M	Donna	
Sat 20 May	Jane O	Ava M	Rebecca M	Mikaela A	Anjoline	B
Sun 21 May	Steve P	Katherine M	Kennedy C	Jasser N	Donna	

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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, Caroline Williams 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

This weekend the children who have been participating in our Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Program will receive the Body of Christ for the very first time. We congratulate these children and their families and look forward to their continued participation in our Sunday Mases.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK

For personal reasons Kate Sellwood has tendered her resignation as Parish Secretary, effective immediately. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

See the change of office times on the front page

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 from St John Vianney's 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 of the Manly SVdP members as shown on the poster at back of church or contact Gail Ann Harrison on 0407 581 066 Peter Anderson on 0412 252 652 or by email on Peter.Anderson@svdpqld.org.au

Pentecost Sunday International Morning Tea Sunday 28th May 2023



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Morning Tea.
 ♦ Dress in your national costume
 ♦ Bring a dish to share that represents your culture

Fr George's Farewell Morning Tea Sunday 21 May 2023

Fr George will celebrate 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. We invite you to 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.

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 this weekend for parishioners to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr George.



The Romero Centre was established in 2000 by the Sisters of Mercy. It is a Brisbane charity providing refugees with free case management, legal advice, trauma counselling, 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 / Woolworths gift cards (\$20 or \$25)
 Multi shop gift cards (small denominations) or 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

For the Children

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

I will not leave you on your own

As Jesus shared the Last Supper with his apostles, he told them that soon he would be leaving them. They were frightened and upset by his words, but he promised to send someone to help them. He would not leave them on their own.

LET US PRAY

Come Holy Spirit and breathe your life into us, so that we can bring Christ into the world and touch the lives of others we love.

