



parishofsouthyarra

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
(or by request)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
First & third Sundays of the month
(except school holidays and long weekends)

ANointing / HEALING MASS

(First Tuesday of the month) • 10am at St Joseph's Church (Senior parishioners, those with ongoing sickness, those with mental illness, may all receive the Sacrament of the Sick)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 21st May 2017

| DAY | ST JOSEPH'S | ST THOMAS AQUINAS' |
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| | TIME | TIME |
| Sunday 21 st May 6 th Sunday of Easter | (Sat. Vigil 6.00pm) 10.30am Mass Childrens Liturgy | 9.00am Mass |
| Monday 22 nd May St Rita of Cascia | | |
| Tuesday 23 rd May | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Communion Service |
| Wednesday 24 th May Wednesdays Help of Christians | 10.00am Communion Service | 12.45pm Mass |
| Thursday 25 th May Sis Bede, Gregory VII, Mary Magdalene de Pazzi | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Communion Service |
| Friday 26 th May St Phillip Neri | 10.00am Communion Service | 12.45pm Mass |
| Saturday 27 th May St Augustine of Canterbury | 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass | |

ASCENSION THURSDAY ECUMENICAL LITURGY will be held at Christ Church, Our Toorak & Punt Rds, South Yarra on Thursday 25th May at 7pm. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Children are invited to attend their own special liturgy this Sunday 21st May during 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Sacramental Preparation: Wed 24 May 4pm
- ▶ Childrens Liturgy: Sunday 21 May 10.30am
- ▶ Ecumenical Liturgy: Thurs 25 May 7pm Christ Church, South Yarra
- ▶ Conversation on Prayer & Meditation with Fr John Barry: Sat 3 June 10am
- ▶ Percival Severe OSA First Mass: Sun 4 June 10.30am

BR PERCIVAL'S ORDINATION

A reminder to those attending Br. Percival's Ordination in Sydney. The Friends of St Augustine Sydney invite you to join them for a meal at the Brookvale Hotel from 6 pm on Sat 27th May. Also, those who have not yet booked their accommodation might try the Travelodge Manly Warringah Hotel which is about 17km from St. Kierans' Church, Manly Vale.

BR PERCIVAL'S FIRST MASS

Br Percival will be ordained as priest on 27th May in Sydney. He will celebrate his first mass with us on Sunday 4th June 10.30am in St Joseph's church. You are cordially invited to attend. Please write your name on the clipboard if you are attending so catering may be arranged for refreshments following the mass.

CONVERSATION ON PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH FR JOHN BARRY OSA

Join us for a conversation on prayer and meditation with Fr John Barry OSA on Saturday 3rd June at St Joseph's Church 10am. All welcome.



PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE

"You say you do not love God because you cannot see him. Loving your neighbour, whom you can see, cleanses your eyes to see God."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

June Cochrane, Jamie Smith, Salvatore Siro, Sheng Zeng, Sonia Guzman, Toby Stewart, Des White, Bab Larsen, Andrew Hamilton, Elizabeth King, Chaiel Balcombe, Timothy Mulrany, Frank Balcerzak, John & Rose Ignace, Rosanna Distefano, Sarah Mathews, Chris Smith, Francis McQuade, Rapply Hennequin Ruske, Lina Ladica, Ellen Beams, Elaine Dennis, Tereso Pareja, DI Brebner, Teresa Manuel



IN LOVING MEMORY

- Recently Deceased
* Nancy McNamara
- Anniversaries
* William Slater
* Jeong Im Lee
* Russell Trenchard
* Gina Triaca
* Rosanna Trebbi
* Augustine Garcia
* Geraldine Gannon
* Lewis W King
- * Edwin Sherry
* Shu Mee Yu
* Wally Choiko
* Basil Pereira
* Jim Barry
* Christine Kerr
* Javier Bacalcoo
* Maria Lui

PARISH BAPTISM PRESENTATION

We welcome the family and friends of Ella Jane Bezette who is to be welcomed into the community in St Joseph's this weekend ahead of her Baptism in St Thomas Aquinas the following week.

SJOS SOUP & MUFFIN KITCHEN

This Sunday 21st May 3-4pm a volunteer group will be making soup and muffins to hand out to those in need. Please spread the word to those who might enjoy a special treat.

WELCOME TO PAMELA KHOO

We warmly welcome Pamela Khoo who, as well as continuing her volunteer work in the parish, has recently joined our parish pastoral and administration support team. Pamela will be in the parish office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays taking responsibility for our accounts and events management. One upcoming major event will be the parish Annual General Meeting on Sunday 23rd July.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY Today is Chaplaincy

Sunday and we are encouraged to offer prayers for the chaplains who provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness, mental health challenges and HIV/AIDS, as well as those facing youth detention, a prison sentence or long bouts of time at sea away from Church support, family and friends. Should you wish to make a donation to the Chaplaincy Appeal, there are envelopes in both churches.

WORK REQUIRED

A parishioner is looking for work doing cleaning, home help or ironing. Please call the parish office 9826 9677.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 14/05/17

Thanking you for your continuing support!

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| 1 st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) | \$1411.15 |
| 2 nd Collection (Church a/c) | \$1177.00 |
| Loose money | \$ 488.65 |

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

GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

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 you 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

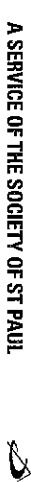
will be one who loves me

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

LOVE RECEIVED, LOVE SHARED

Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical *Deus caritas est* ('God is love') points to the heart and reason for every reality – LOVE. Love is the primal image of God and the resulting image of humankind and its dignity.

The heart of divine revelation and of the Christian message is one and the same: LOVE – the love of God gratuitously given to us, and the love directed to human beings in response to that love. This is emphasised in Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, of which today's Gospel reading is part. In this very intimate moment, Jesus gives his commandment: 'As I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples' (Jn 13:34-35). Love is the mark of Jesus' discipleship, and ours.

Pope Benedict explains the truth about God's love: 'God has loved us first and he continues to do so; we, too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has loved us first, love can also blossom as a response within us.'

In giving his commandment of love, Jesus promises a gift which will make this loving possible, namely the Holy Spirit who will act as comforter, guide, teacher, and defender. Love, ultimately, is the work of the Trinity: the Father shows his love by sending his Son, Jesus. The Spirit will teach the disciples of the sacrificing love of Christ, and empower them to respond to that gratuitous love by loving one another as Christ has loved them.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

21 MAY 2017

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

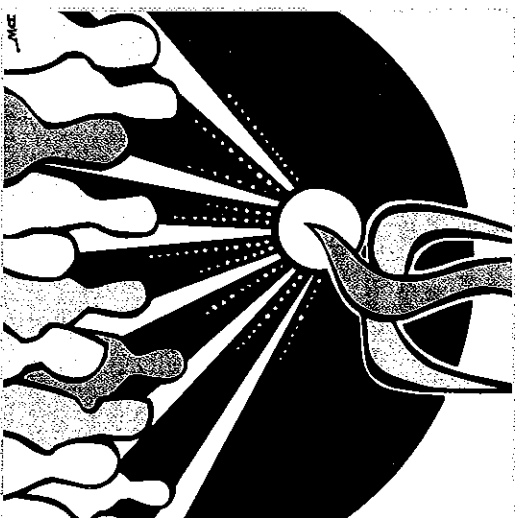
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

(or Alleluia.)

1. 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.

2. '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.

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



4. 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 for me. R.

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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.