

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Morning Tea on Mother’s Day

after 9:30am morning mass
on Sunday 12th May 2024

Please bring your mother to the mass
and enjoy a cup of tea!



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today’s Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today’s reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John’s intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today’s Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today’s Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John’s Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week’s, is part of Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. In the context of John’s Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus’ Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.



Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

4/5 May 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

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.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 97:1-4

Response:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

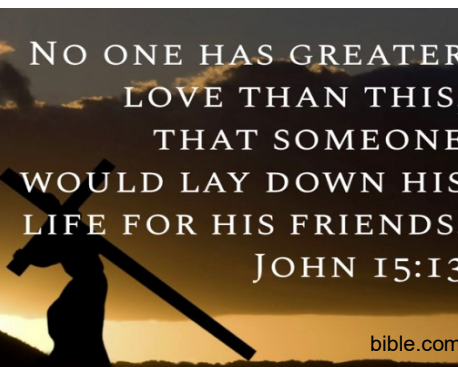
1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

2. 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. **R**

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

2024 Annual Diocesan Count of Attendance

The annual attendance count will be conducted over the four weekends of May. All parishes will obtain the collective data of age groups and gender at each mass over the weekends. We thank you for your attention.



I CALL YOU FRIENDS.

We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

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. .

The word of the Lord

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

| Rosters—11/12 May 2024 The Ascension of the Lord | |
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| Time | Commentator/Readers |
| 6.30pm Vigil | Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani |
| 9:30am | Stephanie Roach Henry D'Assumpcao Sheila Hoogland |
| Children's Liturgy | Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey |
| Count team | Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers |
| All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass | |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 27/28 Apr 2024 |
| Planned Giving | \$453.00 |
| Open Plate | \$452.95 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$905.95 |

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$931.30

CAROL GALBRAITH

With sadness we acknowledge the death of former parishioner & long term Parish Secretary Carol Galbraith who was heavily involved in both the parish and the school from the late 1970's until 2018.

Carol's Funeral will be held at Harrison's Funerals, 63 Golden Grove Road, Ridgehaven, on Wednesday the 8th May 2024 at 10.00 am.

Rest in Peace.



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Carol Galbraith

Death Anniversary:

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



The three theological virtues are great gifts of God. Without them, we might be prudent, just, strong, and temperate, but we would not have a heart that loves even when it is not loved, nor would we have hope that dares against all hope.

Agape Music Collective



On Mother's Day, Sunday May 12 at 3pm, the musicians at Agape MC are pleased to volunteer their time and talents again to present a free concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 170 Flinders Street, Adelaide. For more information send an email to agapemusiccollective@gmail.com or call 0401 021 065.

Pipe Organ Recital - World Class Organist Colin Andrews

Colin Andrews a worldwide known concert organist will perform on Friday May 24 at the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide at 7pm. Free entry.

PARISH NOTICES

Annual House Blessing

Our annual house blessing event could be scheduled from Tue to Fri evening. This cherished tradition is an opportunity for all interested individuals to have their homes blessed. If you would like to have your house blessed, please inform the Parish office or Fr Roy. Your participation enriches this meaningful tradition. Any inquiries, kindly reach out to Fr Roy or the office staff.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Invitation for New Catholics to attend the Mystagogia Mass - Saturday May 11 2024

An invitation is extended to those newly baptised and received into full Communion in our church, together with their sponsor and families to attend the Mass for new Catholics (Mystagogia Mass) with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. This will be at the 6pm Mass in the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday May 11, followed by tea/coffee in the Parish Hall. Our new Catholics are asked to wear white, symbolising their new life within our church and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance through the following [link](#) or phone 8210 8130 or E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au to RSVP.

Catholic Education Office - 2nd Sacramental Workshop

The Catholic Education Office invites you to their 2nd Sacramental Workshop with a focus on reconciliation and a sharing from one of the parishes (Walkerville/Greenacres) on what works and what does not work with their sacramental program. The workshop will be held on Tuesday May 14 from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at the Catholic Education Conference Centre, Thebarton.

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour to celebrate Indigenous native flora for *Laudato Si'* Week on Saturday May 18 from 12pm to 1.30pm. The meeting spot is at the Visitor Information Centre (North Terrace, Adelaide). Places are limited so register early at trybooking.com/CQVLG

Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Adult Confirmation

For the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed, this celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. For further information and to register, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Orla Wright P: 8210 8166.

MENS LUNCH on Sunday 26th May

St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Avenue, 12:30pm

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch invites all the Men of the Parishes to the three courses lunch. BYO wine, soft drinks will be provided. Cost: \$25. per person. All funds raised will go the Vinnies. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your support!

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024



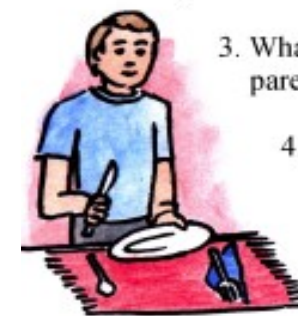
What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

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