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Mass Times

All masses and liturgical gatherings are suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Baprisms, Weddings, Funerals and Sacramental Enquiries, please contact the Parish office.



MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

21st St Christopher Magallanes
 22nd St Rita of Cascia
 25th St Bede & St Mary Magdalene De'Pazzi
 26th St Philip Neri
 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES, PHARMACY COLLECTIONS ETC....?

Please call the parish 9593 2122 as we have some generous volunteers who are willing to assist.

Easy online thanksgiving payments can now be made via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635700>

Sunday 17th May 2020 6th Sunday of Easter- Year A



When Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" one might think Jesus is giving the disciples some sort of ultimatum (Jn 14: 15). If you love me, you will keep my commands. We must remember, however, that Jesus does not force us to do anything. Rather, Jesus continually offers an invitation to follow him. With this, Jesus' words sound much more like a simple statement of fact. The disciples will keep Jesus' commandments because of their love for Jesus. Similarly, we will keep the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus. There is no force or threat behind these words. That is not how God operates.

The love that Jesus describes is much more than an emotion. In Jesus, love requires self-gift. When we are called to love, we are called to offer ourselves. This love requires personal investment and sacrifice, things that are not always easy. We become vulnerable when we give of ourselves. We open our hearts to criticism and judgement. Sometimes we experience disappointment and hurt. But this is part of being disciples of the Risen Christ. This is how we participate in Christ's life, death and Resurrection. This is how we live the Paschal Mystery.

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Living the Gospel

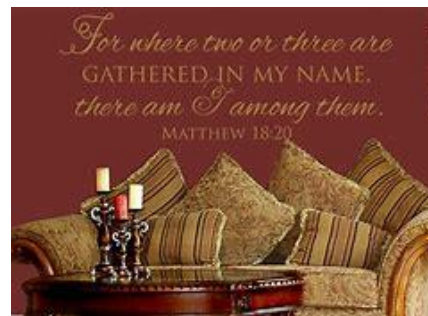
Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Paraclete

The Greek word, *parakletos*, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.



HOW TO CONTINUE MASS AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Follow this link for weekday & weekend masses

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Live telecast of Mass on TV and online

We are happy to share that during this time of physical isolation, the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised free to air on Ch 44 and live streamed on our YouTube channel and website.

Mass For You At Home

Channel 10 – 6am Sunday morning or on demand via

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori, recited this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



MAY GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU SAFE

Fr Ian Ranson – Private Mass

I will be running a daily private mass by myself.

If you have any special intentions please call or place a note in the parish letterbox anytime or email to BrightonEast@cam.org.au.



We remember those who have died recently

Norbert Wisniewski

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Anne Sinclair, Gwynne Holmes, Ed Thomas, Gay Cahir, Matthew Villani, Jim Maguire



Prayer to Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey of the Sacred Heart

Servant of God, Sister Mary Glowrey, your fervent prayer, and outstanding example of medical assistance can help us at this time of trial. Please pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, King and centre of our hearts, to assist us.

At God's call you left everything to care for the sick in India; May the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspire us also to care for those in need.

Sister Mary you believed that the "only thing in life you have to do is ask God what he wants of you today"; May the grace that flows from the Heart of Jesus touch our lives at this time of trial.

Servant of God, Mary Glowrey, when difficulties came your way they inspired you to try harder; May Jesus, the source of life, strengthen us and make us perfect in charity.

Sister Mary, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus you found all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; May our medical scientists find a way forward at this troubled time through the wisdom and guidance of God.

Sister Mary you became a lighthouse shining out, giving hope to many; May Jesus, our light, give hope to those who suffer and peace to those who die at this time.

Amen.

