

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9.30am, 5.30pm Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

God's home is where the heart is.

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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Let us pray

Anniversary:

Anne Sinclair

John & Ducie Heffernan

Bishop Eric Perkins

Matthew Villani

Em Underwood

Elma Church

Giuseppina Caia

Adriene O'Meara



different view

Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

gospel focus

Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

MAY - Month of Mary

22nd St Rita of Cascia

Patron Saint of the Impossible

23rd Servant of God Girolamo Savonarola

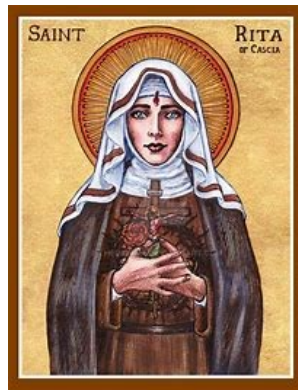
24th St Amelia

25th St Bede the Venerable

26th St Philip Neri

27th St Augustrine of Canterbury

28th St Germanus of Paris



Seniors luncheon

Tuesday, 14th June, 12pm

Elsternwick Hotel

259 Brighton Rd, Elwood

Please contact to book:

Joan Hamilton: 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122

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Rosters for Next

29th May	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
The Ascension of the Lord			
Lector	Carmel Cristiano	John Little	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer



While walking to work a Member of Parliament is hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven where he is greeted by St Peter.

"Welcome to heaven," says St Peter. "Before you settle in, there's a problem. We seldom see a top official around here, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"Just let me in," says the politician. "Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. So, we'll have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the MP goes down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a lush green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians he had known. Everyone is smiling. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of other people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who is a friendly and jovial bloke who dances and cracks jokes. They are having such a good time that before too long it's time to go. Everyone gives the politician a hearty farewell as the elevator heads skyward. The door soon opens and St Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven," declares St Peter.

A day passes with the politician joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realises it, the 24 hours have gone by and St Peter returns.

"You've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity," says St Peter.

The MP reflects for a minute, then answers: "Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the politician descends to hell. When the doors open, he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the rubbish and putting it in black bags. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the MP. "Yesterday there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a wonderful time. Now there's just a wasteland and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted."

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Father Stu opens in cinemas on 12 May and features Mark Wahlberg, Jacki Weaver and Mel Gibson.

As of 12 May, the new film by Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson, *Father Stu*, will hit Australian cinemas. It is a biopic about Father Stuart Long, a priest of the Diocese of Helena, Montana, in the U.S. It tracks his journey from being a wild and wandering man – from football player to wrestler to boxer to actor – before finally discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

A serious car accident prompted this profound religious conversion. Even before his ordination in December 2007, he was diagnosed with inclusion body myositis, an inflammatory condition in the muscles for which there is no cure. It is an aggressive and chronic illness that caused him great suffering. It's the kind of disease that affects everything: movement, writing, lifting, swallowing – even the most basic, daily tasks eventually become impossible.

Showing at Village Southland

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.