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Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>4 May</u>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>5 May – 6th Sunday of Easter</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>6 May</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>7 May</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8 May</u>
5.30PM	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>9 May – St George Preca</u>
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>10 May – St John de Avila</u>
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>11 May</u>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>12 May – The Ascension of the Lord</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
11.00am	Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

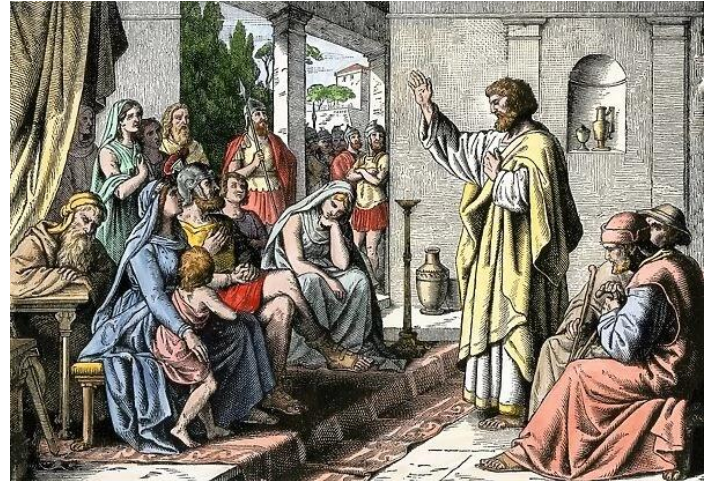
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 MAY 2024

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This Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn15:9-17
Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Christ's death and resurrection had an early and profound effect on his disciples. That's evident in our reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The perennial division between Jews and Gentiles was in the background of the meeting between Peter and Cornelius. Besides being a non-Jew, Cornelius was a centurion and as such, was an important figure in the Roman occupying. There was no love lost between Jews and the Roman militia. Still, as a follower of



Jesus, Peter was hospitable and loving towards Cornelius, receiving him as a brother in Christ. Peter and his companions witness the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Cornelius and the Gentiles. In the Acts Luke is showing that God is doing "God's thing." In this episode Cornelius did not turn to Christ because he heard a profound preaching by one of the disciples. Conversion came to him and all his household because of God's surprising grace. The Holy Spirit "fell upon all who were listening to the word."

The episode in Acts is a good reminder as we reach out to invite others into our believing community. We will plan well, design education programs, have "come and see" sessions, invite people to sign up on our parish facebook or web page. etc. But we are reminded again today God is the heart of all our attempts to build our community. It is God's plan and God's grace to include all into God's household. As Peter says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and ask uprightly is acceptable to him." Peter is beginning to see others as God does. He welcomes them because he knows God has already welcomed them. I know of some folks who decided to join a parish because when they visited it, even though they were from another country, they were welcomed by the regulars. Peter slowly discovers that God is impartial, loves and welcomes all who accept God, regardless of their race, place of origin, social status and background. Peter's acceptance of Cornelius couldn't have been easy for him since all his life as a Jew, he would have kept his distance from Gentiles, believing them to be unacceptable to God. Finally, through God-sent visions and angelic messengers Peter got the word. God's plan for salvation was open to all humankind.

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Today's gospel presents us with a vision for the church. Jesus has just told his disciples, "I am the vine; you are the branches" (15:1ff). Now he describes the relationship between his disciples and himself. It is not merely a gathering of friends, or like-minded individuals. Nor is it an institution with fixed offices and officials. Instead, as different as each may be, Jesus and his disciples are bound by sacrificial love.

Our love is to be the same as the love he has for us: "This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you." We have our treasure and our relationship to Christ and one another; but we also have responsibilities. We are attached to the true vine and we are to share the love and life we are receiving now from Christ with others. The love Jesus showed us was a sacrificial love and so should ours be towards others, "in season and out of season." But such loving cost Jesus his life and it asks much of us. It is only possible because Jesus remains with us in his Holy Spirit. Just as he obeyed his Father's commands, because of his love for God, the disciples will continue to know and enjoy Jesus' presence by our obedience to his commands of love for one another.

Today's gospel is part of Jesus' last discourse. He is telling his disciples of both the privilege and responsibilities we have. He is the true vine we are grafted to. We have the joy of knowing this friendship that will be with us in both good times and bad. We will come to know that Jesus will not leave us and we will continue to know God and Jesus by keeping Jesus' commandment of love. What kind of love is he speaking of? He says it quite plainly: it is love like his, a willingness to lay down one's life for one's "friends."

We don't just need a model of ideal behaviour upon whom to fashion our lives. We need a saviour who, once having lived and died for us, will stay with us to guide and enable us to imitate his own living and dying. Today, as last Sunday, we hear the importance of "remaining" or "abiding" in Jesus. This staying in Jesus will be the way we can live his commandment of love. One thing is very clear in this discourse; we can live Jesus' life because he graces us to do so. Without our relationship with him, we would be left on our own to do our best to follow his life and live his commands. And the truth is, on our own, we wouldn't be able to live such a life. Without Jesus' abiding, grace-giving presence, neither we individuals, nor our church, can live the life he calls us to today: "Love one another as I have loved you." His love is the kind that lays down his life for another.

Some people think the church has gone soft since Vatican II. Now, they complain, all we hear is talk about love. They would prefer the stricter black and white commands they remember from their childhood. But we are not children. The teaching about love goes back to our Founder; it is not a recent innovation, or a new-age trend. Jesus does lay down a commandment for us today, but he does so, he says, not as a master talking to servants, but as a friend to other friends. Servants follow rules, their lives are dictated by the one who holds authority over them. Jesus' religion isn't based on such a model. Instead, love is the foundation of our faith. We are assured we already have God's love, it is not something we must earn by minute adherence to a code of proper behaviour. Jesus is asking us to live out of the realization of that love. We are his friends, he tells us, so now go out and live like friends with one another. "Friends," in this context, means "beloved ones." We need to live out of that description for we are the beloved.

CONCERT OF MESSE SOLENNE – COOLAMON SINGERS

This June the Coolamon Singers are performing three concerts of Messe Solennelle, a Catholic Mass by Rossini. If you are interested in attending, please see details below:

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CONCERT SERIES 1 2024

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 Village Uniting Church

Sat 2:30 JUNE 29
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 WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM?
 IT COMES FROM THE LORD
 PSALM 121

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DON'T FORGET!



ANointing MASS – First Friday of each month, 10 am Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. All Welcome. Care and Concern will be providing morning tea in the Community Centre.

YOUTH MASS – 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30pm, Mary Mother of Mercy Church. We invite you to be involved with reading or altar serving, please contact the Parish Office or see the priest before Mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – 3rd Friday of each month from 9:00am till 9:50am in Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Please join us in spending some time with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S FAMILY MASS – Fourth Sunday of each Month, 10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters the Mass will be specifically dedicated to a Children's Mass and Liturgy. The Readings and Homily will be for the children.

PARISH LUNCHEON – First Thursday of each month at 11.30am, Burleigh Heads Sports Club. Please bring a friend and join us for fellowship, cake and celebrating birthdays.

PLANNED GIVING – Thank you for the generosity and support of all who contribute to the Parish Planned Giving. Details for electronic banking are as follows: BSB: 064 786; A/C No: 100010144. Reference: PG/Surname.

Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Ethnic Ministry Groups

- Brazilian:** 6:45pm every Tuesday - Miami Church
- Chinese:** 3:00pm every 2nd Sunday of the Month - MMM Community Centre
- Filipino:** As advertised in the parish newsletter



Catholic Mission invites World Mission May Rosary Prayers sessions

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



AN INVITATION TO MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The promotion of vocations to the ministerial priesthood life is essential for the Church's present and future. To offer some encouragement to young men on their journey of discernment, the Archbishop is hosting dinner in May. Any single men in our Parish who would be open to an invitation, please contact Padre at the Parish Office.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Every weekend in May we will be counting the number of parishioners attending each of our Masses. This is to help planning for the future of our parish and our Archdiocese. Are you able to help with the counting at one of our Masses? Please see the sacristan at your Mass for further information! Thank you!



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen
The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

- Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm
- Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm
- Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)
Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

- Sara MacIver - soprano
- Sofia Troncoso - soprano
- Andrew Goodwin - tenor
- David Greco - baritone
- St Stephen's Schola
- Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024-special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Katrina Kerkow-Hill, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Kai Colless, Peter Flynn, Anthony Metzen, Hannes Rieck, Quetta Mace, Doreen Kennedy, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, Edward Tudor, Dick O'Halloran, Lynne Nunan, Petrina Stewart, John Christopher, Deirdre Irwin, Linda Ledbrook, Paul Holford, Leah Bolland, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Des Stuckey, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Ian Pritchard, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Dorothy Anna Young, Lilia Santos, Barbara Willoughby, Jim Robertson, Maria Pirotta, Darryl Towell, Michael Dooley, Peggy Maguire, Christopher Mark Wilson, Geromy Grima. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

GATHERING

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. **(Refrain)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

COMMUNION HYMN

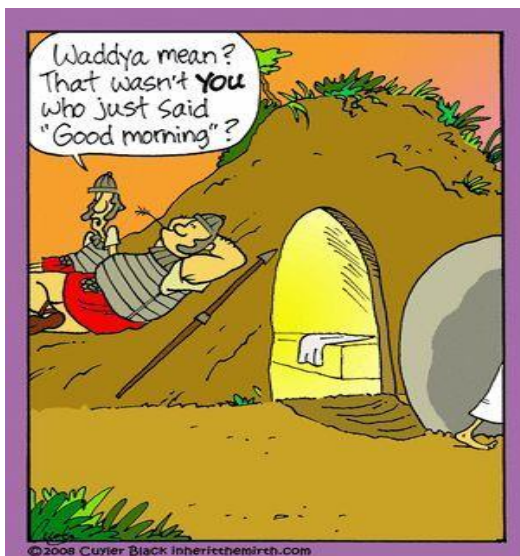
I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **(Refrain)**

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THANKSGIVING

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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RECESSIONAL

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness, have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing, has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free. **(Refrain)**

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Love one another as I have loved you

X Q R M U M C G C I L O V E	Try to find these words:	complete disciples Father friends greatest happy keep love obey other show sure
N K R Q C W O O B E Y M T G		
M Y J X L K M K M S H O W R		
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