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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th / 26th May 2019

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### Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass  
at Mercy Place.

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



### National Reconciliation Week

27th May—3rd June



(Artwork by Uncle Darren Wighton)

### Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage

"Uniting my voice to that of Saint John Paul II, I encourage you in his words: 'Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.' "

(Pope Francis Papal Letter to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council 2016)

# Parish Community



*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peta Hickey, Tony Hall, Jack Withers, Les Murphy, Don Harris, Fr Con Croese, Monica Brosolo, Trevor Newcombe, Mary Galvin, Klarrie Paizis, Frances Rohrick.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Quirk, Keith Melbourne, Margaret Miles, Mary Toon, Bill Hayhoe, Margaret Hayhoe, Alan Mildren, AnneMary Doyle, Charles Stevens, Anne Cronin, Betty Corrigan, Leslie Steward, Sr Zita Gilbert, Les Furst, Anna Toner, Thelma Hayden, Lillian Whelan, Lena Stuhr, Francis Helm, Kylie, Luke & Ben Chant, Herb Hicks, Matthew Ward, Val Lewis, Patrick Murray, Harry Morton.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Prayer for the Sick

*We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence*

*with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.*

*We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen*

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 25th/26th May		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Kellie Gordes	Rosalie Martin
<b>Lector 1</b>	Paula Waters	Michael Stephenson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Karen Purtle	Colleen Day
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw 1 Volunteer	MACE Sisters Cathy Nyhan Fran Kernaghan 3 Volunteers
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John Van Lint Judy Foley	Catherine & Judy Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Brian & Carmel Butts		

### Sat /Sun: 1st / 2nd June

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass Children	1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass Children
<b>Lector 1</b>		
<b>Lector 2</b>		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Jeneice Harding Anna Farrell	Pamela McIntosh Gemma Whitehead Carmel Butts Fran Kernaghan Pauline Willis Sue Hayhoe
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Margie & Ed Brown Val Hayes	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters:</b> Gordon Bryant		

## Prayer for Reconciliation Week

Creator God,  
God for all peoples who was there in the beginning, planting our footprints on this sacred land, being an invisible presence in the visible creation. May you continue to speak to your people through the land; its stories and cultures.

Guard us as we walk together with courage to honour the work of our brothers and sisters who before us fanned the flames of reconciliation.

May you continue to guide us, grounded in truth, through the reconciling work of your son, Jesus.

Empower us, through the Holy Spirit to be people of action that work to respect the dignity of all human beings in our communities.

Grant us Your love until this Great South Land is fully aflame with your unifying love and it may truly be said that Your healing reconciliation is finally on earth as it is in heaven. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

' Do not be a 'part-time' Christian, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices, be Christian at all times! '

# Parish News

## Lucia Fornasiero Turns 104

Lucia (Lucy) Narduzzi was born on 26 May 1915 in Northern Italy. When she was 23 she married Emilio (Emil) Fornasiero and came to Australia on the condition she only stay for two years. The war began, she started to have babies (7) and it was not feasible for her to return to Italy. That two year stay has turned to 81 years.

Lucia's faith in God has been pivotal throughout her long life. She enjoys coming to Mass at Sacred Heart as often as she can and in her words "If you have a good friend you like to visit them so that's why I like to visit God at Mass".

As she turns 104 this Sunday her children, John, Michael, Maria and Peter and their families will help her celebrate this milestone. Buon compleanno, Lucia

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our first parent meeting for children in Year 3 who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation was held this week. Thanks to Bede Hart for leading our gathering in prayer and to Chris Lewis and Caroline McGowan for their input on the content of the programme.

- **Reconciliation Commitment Masses**—weekend of 1 & 2 June (Feast of the Ascension). Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.30am.
- **Child & Parent Reflection Sessions**—Monday 3 June 6pm St Anne's School Library
- **Second Rite of Reconciliation**—Monday 24 June at 6pm Sacred Heart Church.

All welcome to attend and receive the sacrament of God's healing and forgiveness.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 17 August at 6pm during our celebration of Eucharist. Parents of Year 6 children not attending St Anne's who wish their child to receive this concluding sacrament of initiation in the Catholic tradition are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Once we have an indication of numbers involved, we will be able to organise a preparation process.

## Prayer

*God of new life, at the beginning of creation your Spirit hovered over the waters, to sanctify the seas and the land.  
God of freedom, you called your chosen people to arise from the Red Sea and slavery.*

*God of compassion, your Beloved Son was baptised by John, and as he rose up from the waters, was anointed with the Holy Spirit.*

*Through the Resurrection of Jesus you have filled us with the same light.*

*May we always walk as radiant witnesses to your love, your mercy, your tender care and justice.*

*This we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen*



*This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Levy Graeme Grove son of Jeremy & Sarah.*

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

St Anne's primary school staff invite parishioners to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea this Wednesday 29 May from 1.20pm—2.00pm in St Anne's staff room. Cost \$15 per head. All donations assist the research of the cancer council.

## Special Collection - Education of Priests

Thanks to those who generously contributed to our annual leaving collection to support the formation of future priests in our diocese. The collection raised a wonderful \$1,040.80 which helps in the payment of our 2018-19 levy of \$5,464.

Gratitude is extended to Sr Margaret Walsh and Katherine Klapdor for leading last Saturday's prayer and reflection on St Hildegard of Bingen. Thanks to all who attended and who helped in any way with organisation, planning and provision of food.

## Footy Tipping

A perfect ten was awarded to Brian Millgate, John Dowling and Don Jones after round 9. Top of the ladder as follows: Joe Kipper 54; Noel Willis, Brian Butts, Don Jones 53; Pat Boyd 52; Martin Cruickshank, Paula McEachern 51.

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster

The next roster for the months of June—September needs to be compiled. We are in need of new volunteers to carry out the ministry of reader/commentator and that of being a Eucharistic minister. If you are not currently on the list and feel able to carry out this ministry of service please add your name to the list located on the side table (Swan St entrance) or contact the parish office by phone/email. Please encourage one another to take up this opportunity to contribute to parish life.

## Parish Morning Tea

Our next morning tea will be next Sunday 2 June at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. "Pew 9 & 10 front left quarter, vigil mass group" are hosting this event.

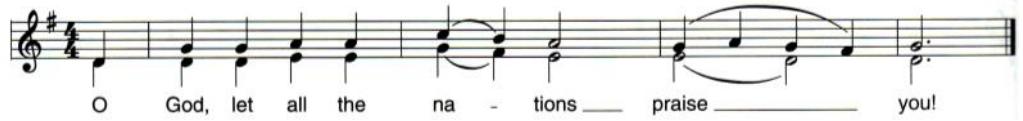
The May edition of the diocesan newspaper 'Together' is available for collection. Of particular interest is the summary of Plenary Council submissions as related to the parishes of our diocese by Fr Bernie Thomas (page 6).

# Liturgy of the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year C

Readings: Acts 15: 1-2,22-29; Apoc 21: 10-14,22-23; John 14: 23-29

*Responsorial Psalm:*



**O God, let all the nations praise you!**



**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia , alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

## Reflection on the Readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we preform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.  
(Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



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