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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary;
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary
The Ascension of the Lord	9.30 AM	Mass,
	5.30 PM	Mass;
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses	

Last Fortnight's Collection

Thanks Giving Offering	\$1,099.60
Presbytery Offering	\$940.15

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Next Week's Reading

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17 - 23

Gospel Mark 16:15 - 20

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in **April**

Church Cleaning —

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Sarah P	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Chatarina Pereira	Greg Ferreira	Peter Leptai
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Bernadine Naidu
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Amber S Taab	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Joe Connoly	Joseph Nayna	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Jane Cassar	Wilson Fernandez

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James,

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us: Terezinha Tilman



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

5 MAY 2024

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. v. 2

(R.) 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.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 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

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.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth. '

Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- The light of the Christ No 186; Page 184

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Our blessing cup No 7; Page 10

COMMUNION SONG

- A new commandment Text attached

FINAL SONG

- The spirit lives to set us free No 165; Page 344

A NEW COMMANDMENT

(Roy Crabtree)

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.
1. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another. (repeat 1)
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you
Without my help you can do nothing (repeat 2)
3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner
Abide in me, I will be with you. (repeat 3)

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- All the ends of the earth No 76; Page 77

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Our blessing cup No 7; Page 10

COMMUNION SONG

- Communion song No 187; Page 185

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet music

FINAL SONG

- Sing a new song

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- We are many parts No 86; Page 87

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- A new commandment Text attached

COMMUNION SONG

- Hail Mart/Gentle Woman

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- Strong and constant No 110; Page 108

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

2024



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Call (03) 9287 5513 or visit
www.catholiccarevic.org.au

**This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal
(previously held during the month of August)**

Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Parish Forum

The Parish Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 6:30pm in the school staff room.

A representative from all our Church groups are invited to come along and participate in discussions. We welcome all parishioners who will to come along.

Sing Your Praise to God!

Please pick up a copy of the newsletter and 'As One Voice' hymn book at the entrance and join us in the singing during mass.

Even better, do come and join our choir! We practice 45 minutes before mass either on Saturday or Sunday. All are welcome!

Please contact:

Cheryl 0422 724 572 or Thien 0434 998 317

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections, or the Priests Retirement Fund.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



PILGRIMAGE – SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – FATHER GEORGE JAMES,
Sacred Heart Parish, Thornlie

The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine), Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc. We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manopello, Lancia-no, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose. The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week. If you wish to join us for the pilgrimage,

Please contact **Pilgrimage Coordinators, EDMAN/RADHA ANTHONY** at **0424 437 251** and/or email edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com for more details.

MONTH OF MARY - MAY DEVOTIONS

May
The Month of
Our Blessed Mother



"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary"

(St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary or litany of our Lady.

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COME TO THE HEALING MASS

WHEN: Monday 6th May 2024

TIME: 6.30 PM – 7.00 PM Rosary

7.00 PM – 7.30 PM Praise & Worship

7.30 PM – 9.00 PM Healing Mass & Anointing
by the priest

WHERE: St. Joseph's Church

Cnr St James Ave & Buckingham Ave

Springvale

CELEBRANT Fr. John OFM CONV

Parish Office: 9544777

Prayer Group: Jenny 0447524893