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**6th Sunday
of Easter
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:5-8, 14-17)*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 65)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

- Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' (R)
- 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
- He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)
- Come and hear, all who fear God I will tell what he did for my soul; Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (3:15-18)*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

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!

Gospel: *A reading from the Gospel According to John (14:15-21)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees or knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MASS INTENTIONS

All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "*pro populo*" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/mailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

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PASTORAL CORNER

Obedience is a benchmark of love. To profess that we love God may be easy but being obedient to Jesus' commands takes us to a new level of commitment in our Christian walk. This can be summed up by the command to love God and each other. This might sound easy, but when we are asked to love people who provoke or ridicule us, or who are hard to get along with, we need to call on the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not only with us, but within us, as a source of inner strength and empowerment – the same Spirit at work in the life of Jesus, freely given to us at our baptism and confirmation. Through this presence Jesus remains forever present to the church, and through it we share in the life of God and mission of Jesus. During the week watch for moments that could be experiences of the Holy Spirit, in your own personal prayer, in your relationships and in the church and its liturgy.

A Reflection on the 6th Sunday of Easter *Fr Jean-Noël MARIE*

As we slowly navigate our way out of confinement and back into the community, many questions will be asked as we revisit the depth of our commitment to our Christian values and our mission in a Covid-19 affected environment. Therefore as we approach Pentecost Sunday we need to ask the Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit as we reposition ourselves as a Church to respond boldly to the new challenges that lie ahead of us. Our vocation has not changed. We are still being commissioned to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ to all.

Today St. Peter in his First Letter tells us to *"be ready to give an explanation - to anyone who asks you - for a reason for your hope."* We live in a time when people more openly challenge our faith. As we emerge from confinement it is important to know how to respond and - as St. Peter say - *"do it with gentleness and reverence."*

This is something we won't be able to do by ourselves. This Sunday's readings invite us to take a further step - **to dare to ask**. Jesus himself says to his disciples on the night before he was betrayed, *"I will ask the Father..."* If Jesus needs to ask the Father, how much more we need to ask. We come to God by asking. Now more than ever we as a community need to learn to ask what we really need and what is really important for us, for the Church and for the whole world at this critical time in our history. We ask for a lot of things when we pray, but the greatest gift that God can give us is the Holy Spirit. This humble posture of asking like a trusting child is a powerful indicator for what happens in the Holy Trinity, of how the bond between the Father and the Son generates the Holy Spirit, and what results from this eternal relationship.

To ask involves trust. In the Second Reading we have something that can help us increase our sense of trust. St. Peter says, *"Be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope."*

Being ready to provide an explanation for our faith and our hope will strengthen our own resolve. If anyone were to ask us what is sustaining our faith during these difficult and uncertain times we could say with confidence that by virtue of our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ and the Holy Communion that binds us, by God's grace we could never be separated from him.

Parish Finances

At every weekend mass two collections take place to meet the functional needs of the church and community.

The **First Collection** provides our Priests a monthly stipend covering household food, cleaning and other presbytery expenses.

The **Second Collection** provides income pertaining to the running expenses of the parish, these include: all utilities, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, insurance, maintenance, water, electricity, Council rates, waste collection, etc.

Our Parish relies on the support of its parishioners to financially contribute to its ongoing community mission.

Ways to contribute:

There are three ways by which to make your contribution:

- a) An authorised periodical direct debit from your bank account,
- b) Setting up a periodic electronic fund transfer from your account or credit card
- c) Offering a cash donation during Mass collections, as explained above.

During these troubled times you may wish to deposit your donations into the following accounts:

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Directives for Churches and Chapels within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Phase 2 of Western Australia's COVID Roadmap.



From Monday 18 May 2020 in Western Australia:

Churches are permitted to open in a modified way with a limit of twenty (20) people present within the Church at any one time for private prayer, Adoration and Confessions.

Indoor religious services are permitted with a limit of twenty (20) people in the congregation. An additional ten (10) people who are required to conduct the religious service or to broadcast the service may be present. These additional participants are to be restricted to as few as possible.

Priests (or their nominated delegate) must ensure that the name and contact details of every person who enters a church for any reason is recorded as per government directives. Churches must retain these records. **No record** is to be made of the reason why the person has attended the church.

Weddings

The celebration of each wedding must adhere to the Phase 2 of the Western Australian Government's restriction of twenty (20) attendees at indoor weddings, or up to thirty (30) attendees at outdoor weddings.

Social distancing of one (1) person per four (4) square metres must be observed.

Funerals

Up to twenty (20) attendees can be present at an indoor funeral or up to thirty (30) attendees for an outdoor funeral, not including the person/s necessary to conduct the service e.g. celebrant, funeral director (unless the funeral is in a small indoor or outdoor venue and impacted by prohibited gathering rules which require at least 4 square metres per person) unless an exemption is approved.

Persons who feel unwell, who have flu/respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures or who have been in contact with persons suspected to have, or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are not permitted to enter churches.

Hand sanitizers to be available at each entrance to any church or chapel.

The Western Australian Government's COVID-19 Roadmap anticipates further relaxations of restrictions in the coming weeks and months with the implementation of Phase 3 and Phase 4.

Further special directives have been issued by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB in relation to Baptisms, Confessions, Masses, Worship and COVID safe practices for churches and chapels. These directives are available online on the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth COVID-19 webpage: <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/COVID19.htm>

Priests must exercise judgement in deciding whether it is yet practicable to conduct public Masses. In-light of the restricted numbers of attendees under Phase 2 of the WA Government's COVID-19 Roadmap, it may be necessary for Parish Priests to implement revised weekday and weekend Mass timetables. In parishes where the number of Masses available (both weekday and weekend) may be increased, inevitably, the majority of the faithful will still not be able to attend. The faithful continue to be dispensed of their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Parishes are encouraged to continue live streaming Masses.

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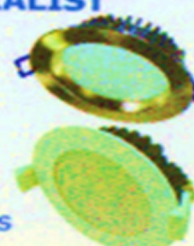


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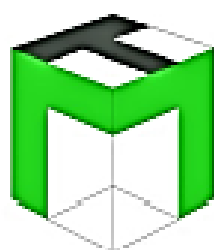
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