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Sixth Sunday of Easter (YEAR A) - 14 MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 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 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

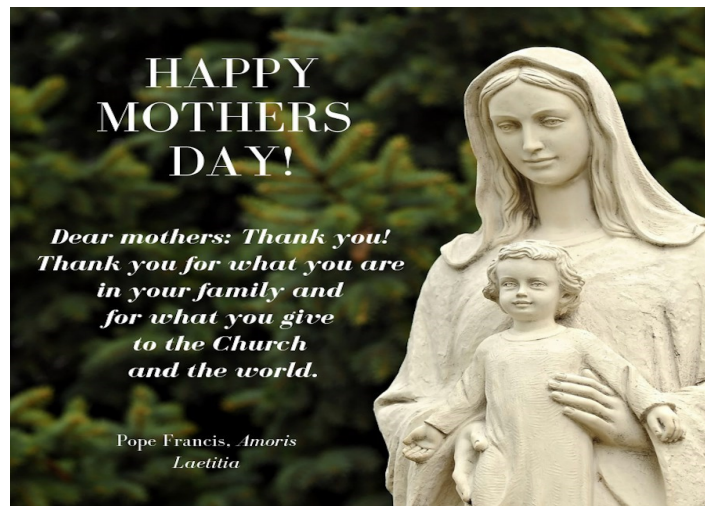
(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. 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.)
2. '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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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

1 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

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

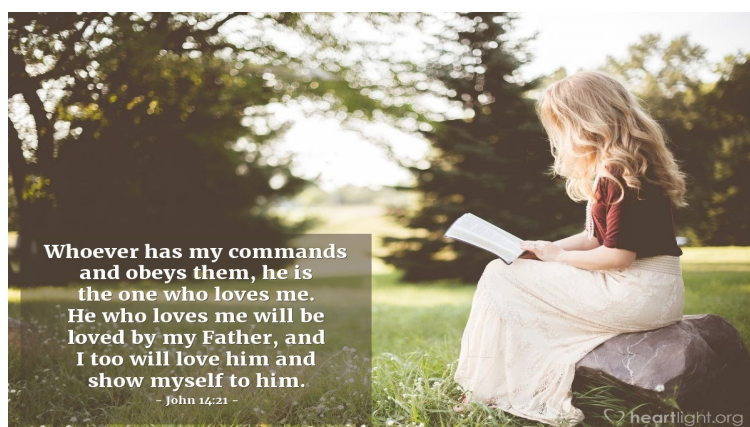
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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 nor 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.'



Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:

Loving God, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles. **Where:** Kingston Parish. **When:** July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register.

Information: <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsjEjwU> **Register:** Christine Wood 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

Information flyers are in the Church

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Josephine Gualnam** (Stephen and Elizabeth) and **Lucy, Emmanueul and Rebecca** (Domenic and Cecilia) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR OUR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES and their families during the final stages of their preparation that they may come to know the power of God's forgiveness and love in this wonderful Sacrament this coming **Tuesday, 16th May at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.**

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Don and Donna McWilliam** who celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary on Monday 15th May.**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Giuseppe Rossi and Dawo Zhang who have died recently, Judith Phillips, Maria and Lino Rossi, Mario and Angelina Colla, Marie Butterworth, Leon Kolka, Noel Smith, Philip Binns, Kevin Jones, Anthony Clifford, Geoffrey Hunter, Robert Kauzlaric, Christine Barnard, James Dooley, Colleen Damon, Terence Fenton, Doreen Morton, Anton Ritt, Daryl Phegan, Sally Springer, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome.

Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

Copies of the latest edition of The Catholic Standard are available in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre or look for the online version on the Archdiocese of Hobart website.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



The following items would be most appreciated to give out to people in need who use the Vinnies Van: soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, jackets, blankets, shampoo/conditioner.

(No body lotion). Please drop off to the Parish Office during office hours.

A VOCATION VIEW

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.



Catholic Parish
of Launceston



PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIREPOT AND SOUP NIGHT

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES, AFTER 5.30PM MASS

EVERYONE WELCOME

ALL DONATIONS TO SUPPORT WYD23 PILGRIMS



**WORLD YOUTH DAY
QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Upstairs in the Parish Centre
Saturday 21st May**

7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

Can you help support Tasmania's 35 pilgrims to World Youth Day in Portugal?

On **Saturday 21st May**, parishes from around the State will be competing for prizes in a live online quiz streamed from Sheffield, Tas. **Cost:** \$25 per person and prior Registration is required. Please bring a plate of food to share. **Registration:** email: apostles@bigpond.com, Ph: 6331 4377 or contact Fr Chathura: 0469 661 578. **Please come along, it should be fun!**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles (April—September)	

WEEKDAY MASSES 15th –20th May

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

SACRED HEART OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

All Old Collegians are invited to attend the 150th year and Final Reunion Lunch on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12noon at Riverside Golf Club. Cost \$38. For payment details RSVP by 1st June to Hetty Binns: 0438 321 435 or hbinns@westnet.com.au

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Children's Corner



**The Spirit will
show you what
is true**

Answer the following questions True or False

Jesus only loves those
who do good deeds. _____

The Holy Spirit is
always with us. _____

God sent the Holy Spirit
to help the disciples. _____

Jesus said "You should
not love your enemies". _____

The disciples received the
Holy Spirit at Pentecost. _____

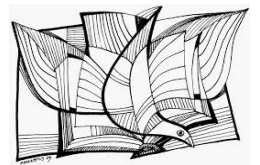
GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 15th:	John 15:26-16:4
Tuesday 16th:	John 16:5-11
Wednesday 17th:	John 16:12-15
Thursday 18th:	John 16:16-20
Friday 19th:	John 16:20-23
Saturday 20th:	John 16:23-28

Ponder and pray the living Word of God

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 46:2-3,6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Come to the Quiet—A Contemplative Prayer Day

Saturday 20th May—St Brendan Shaw College, Devonport

An opportunity to put aside our busy lives and spend time listening and attending to who we are and who God is for us. Suitable for both experienced practitioners and those who are new to contemplative prayer. You will be introduced to some contemplative practices including Centering Prayer, chanting and the psalms, which help us open ourselves to God's presence and action. Enquiries and registration: John Lee-Archer 0419 523 867

Jesus loves us and asks us
to keep his commandments.
Name some of the
commandments?



GRIEVING YOUR WAY is a workshop for Christian women who would like some strategies to find and navigate their way through loss. Facilitated by Karen Mace, this workshop will help you to acknowledge, open to, and begin to work through grief associated with loss. You will learn how to integrate your faith, how to see God in even the darkest experiences, and how to recognise Our Lord as He not only walks with you, but often carries you on this part of your life journey.

Wednesday, May 24th at The Emmanuel Centre 9:30am-12:30pm. For Enquiries & Registration please contact Karen: kammace@me.com or info@karenmace.com