



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.

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# The Living Word

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. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

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.



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**MASS TIMES (English):**  
 Vigil Mass 5:00pm (Saturday)  
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am  
 Weekdays:

Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9:00am  
 Wednesday 6:00pm

**VIETNAMESE MASS**  
 Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)  
 Sunday 5.30pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm  
 or anytime on request

**ADORATION OF THE  
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm  
 Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

**SACRAMENT OF THE  
 ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
 Offered to those in need on  
 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

**Baptisms:** Sunday 11.00am  
 Bookings are necessary

**Parish Pastoral Council:**  
 Michael Anderson, Veronica  
 Denning, Elaine Nehme, Zenna Azar,  
 Paul Abdul Ahad, Natalie Goetz,  
 Monica Palmer, Linh Bui, Jannette  
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**St Vincent de Paul:** Mary Scott

**Special Religious Education  
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 Zenna Azar

**Music Ministry:**

**Youth Ministry:** Grace Mokdassi

**Childrens Liturgy:** Nancy Khalil

**Childrens' Choir:**  
 Natalie Showah, Jicy Kasparian

**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.

**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.

**COVID-19** is still around, please use  
 sanitiser when you enter the church.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICES** If you are  
 interested in any diocesan events, please  
 collect a copy of the additional bulletin  
 at the back of the church.



**MAY THE MONTH OF MARY** To  
 honour our Blessed Mother during May,  
 let us pray the Rosary before every  
 weekday Mass and a decade of the  
 Rosary before every Sunday Mass. Free  
 Rosary beads and Rosary cards are  
 available at the back of the church.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE HOME  
 VISITS** If you are interested in hosting  
 the statue in your home for Rosary and  
 prayer nights for one week, especially  
 during May, the month of Our Lady, or  
 if you would like more information,  
 please contact the parish office by  
 email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com).

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY  
 CHALLENGE** Our church sign on the  
 corner of Rex Rd. and Georges Crescent  
 can display number of images one after  
 another. We invite our young (and not  
 so young) parishioners to choose a bible  
 verse which speaks to you and create a  
 Document file (TXT, WORD, RTV) or  
 an Image file (BMP/JPG/GIF) or a  
 media file (AVI, MPG, MPEG, WMV,

ASF, MOV, FLV) or a Flash file (SWF)  
 with proportion of 256 (width) and 128  
 (height) pixels (or any multiple of these)  
 Please check with Fr. Peter for  
 suitability of the verse for public  
 display, prior to creation of your file.  
 Also choose a day of the year on which  
 you'd like to have your verse displayed  
 (such as your birthday or any important  
 day). You can add your name to be  
 displayed, such as "chosen and adapted  
 by Milly". In this way you can  
 contribute to the evangelization and  
 spreading of the Good News.

**POWERPOINT HYMN  
 RECORDING CHALLENGE**  
 Another opportunity to contribute to the  
 life of our parish is by creating a  
 PowerPoint recording of a popular  
 hymn, which can assist us at singing  
 until we rebuild our music choirs. Use  
 your artistic talents to design and  
 animate the file, so that no assistance is  
 required once the audio is started. It is  
 important that you display the title and  
 names of any singers and recording  
 company. Thy hymn must be covered by  
 our One License (check on  
[onelicense.net](http://onelicense.net)) or if not covered, that  
 you obtain permission from the  
 copyright holder. You may also display  
 your name as the "creator" of the file.  
 Please check with Fr. Peter prior to  
 commitment of your effort.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR  
 HELP** Any parishioners willing to help  
 with either playing the organ or singing,  
 please let Fr. Peter know. The invitation

is also extended to our young parishioners/children  
 learning piano/organ to come forward. All training will be  
 provided. Ideally we would have a number of organists for  
 each Mass forming a roster and filling for one another in  
 time of sickness, or travel. In the meantime Mr. James  
 Doig, who is now helping with 8am and 10am Mass,  
 subject to his availability, is an accomplished and  
 qualified musician, both organist and cantor and is willing  
 to lead a choir practice for those interested. Please pray for  
 our parish music ministry so that the current crisis may  
 turn into a catalyst for renewal and provision for the  
 future.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet again on the first  
 Tuesday of May, 7th May, between 10am and 1pm.  
 However this time we will meet in a private home. Come  
 and join us for coffee, cards and a chat or bring along  
 some knitting or sewing if you prefer. If you are interested  
 ring Pauline on 97910098 for information about the venue.

**CWF APPEAL 4 & 5 MAY 2024**  
 the first appeal for 2023 is being  
 held this weekend. It is a practical  
 opportunity for most of us to feed  
 the hungry, clothe the naked and  
 visit the sick and prisoners, as our  
 donations are used by the Archdiocese to support the vital  
 ministries of the Church in service to those who need it  
 most. Please give generously - donations to CWF are 100%  
 tax-deductible. Use envelopes in the pews or envelopes or  
 Credit Card donation slips at the back of the church.



**GOLDEN OLDIES OUTING** On Wednesday our group  
 headed off on time, our dedicated driver, Frank skilfully  
 ensuring that we arrived safely. Belgenny Farm, set on  
 5000 acres, in Camden, the land originally granted to John  
 Macarther in 1805. We were greeted by friendly staff, tea  
 and coffee and far too many scones and unlimited jam and



cream which we devoured. Our young guide was gracious  
 and informative and lead us on a 200 year-old adventure  
 where we were amazed at the old buildings while we learnt  
 a bit more about Australia's history. Following the tour we  
 headed to the Camden Vally Inn, where we enjoyed lunch  
 and a great chat, then off for a stroll through Camden shops  
 with time for a coffee and cake before heading home. Such  
 a beautiful day, so lovely to spend the day with other  
 parishioners. A very sincere THANK YOU to our driver,  
 Frank Abel, who having moved to Camden himself two  
 years ago has decided to retire. Thank you Frank for the  
 many adventures that you so lovingly drove us all to.

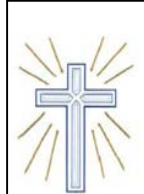
**SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH** - Child sexual abuse is a  
 crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the  
 police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please  
 contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the  
 Safeguarding Office at 02 9390 5810 or Email:  
[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese  
 has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the  
 church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest  
 safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child  
 Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our  
 parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries:  
 Veronica via email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)  
**Check out the latest Safeguarding newsletter-in the folder**

Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
<b>May 4/5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B</b>							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Abraham Family	Zenna Azar	Eileen Stevenson Annette Simpson	Chaben Azar	Anthony Torbay	Charlie Delfino
8.00 am Sun		Coorey Family	Goetz Family	Carmen Heredia Karen Worley	Mike Anderson	Andrew Trostel Lucas Ross	Adrian Trostel Harry Ross
10.00 am Sun		Rosemary Lim	Ghanem Family	Maurice Gili Gill Cramp	Andrew Driessen	Daniela Lukunic William Amicucci Tiana Daou	Elizabeth Tobaji Eliana Mardini Brandon Daou
<b>May 11/12 - The Ascension of the Lord, Year B</b>							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Yvette Nehme	Gina Wheeler	Zenna Azar Eileen Stevenson	Chaben Azar	Gabriel Azar Zoe Azar	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Goetz Family	Jenny Freeburn	Veronica Denning Carmen Heredia	Bernie Freeburn	Nicholas Coorey Daniela Lukunic	Gabriele Serratore Elizabeth Tobaji
10.00 am Sun		Maurice Gili	Rosemary Lim	Gill Cramp Alex Driessen	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem Marcus Kasparian	Isabella Maamary Abie Khalil



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick  
 Judith Van Baardwyk, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Diane Small, Jayden Turk, Joseph Akkary, Daniel Clarke,  
 Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Christine Hughes, Sue James,  
 Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Robert Sanders, John Smallwood, Tony Strambio



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died  
 Misfud family, Janet, Debbie and John Wood, Van Haotu & Ancestors, Josephine and Alojzy Pientka, Hermann  
 Reinke, Nilda & Roberto, Filomena Auditore, Teresa, Maria, John the Baptist1, John the Baptist2, Eddie Couni-  
 han, Tom Counihan, George Stevenson, Robert Lawler, Ancrea, Trevor Newton, Ross Graham, Lise Goetz, Max  
 Graham, Hillary + Rita + their sons, Nabill + Bahia + Elias + Eilie Maroun, Norma Younane

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.