

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Fifth Sunday Easter Year A

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



During the Easter Season, the Church seeks a greater appreciation of all that the Saviour's Resurrection means for the human family. Christ's Resurrection is far more than his coming back to life. It is nothing less than the final achievement of God's work of creation. It is God's intention that, ultimately, the whole human family, together with creation itself, shall be caught up in this great event. To help us find a fuller understanding of this truth, the gospel reading of the Easter liturgies have been taken from the treasures of John's gospel. Today's reading takes us to the heart of this gospel's understanding of the Saviour and what he came to give the world.

The second reading, from the letter of Peter, serves as a splendid complement to our gospel reading. Peter describes the achievement of the Saviour in biblical terms - his words echo, no doubt, the first Christian preaching, as it presented the Risen Lord as the fulfilment of Old Testament hopes. Peter refers to a verse of the processional psalm we met last week (Ps 118:22): 'The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men, but chosen by God', to become the 'keystone' of God's

work. This stone is proving a 'stumbling block' to unbelievers; but it is precious to God; and those who are believers recognise in him the realisation of Israel's hopes. Peter sums up these hopes in a series of biblical allusions. The Lord's promise to Moses on Sinai - 'Out of all peoples, you shall be my personal possession. For me you shall be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation' (Exod 19) - has now been fulfilled. United in the Risen Lord, believers are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood' offering 'the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God'.

It is good to nourish our faith and hope in this way, from the long biblical tradition of God's dealings with his people. The gospel of John, however, brings us a presentation of what the Saviour can mean for us in a different key. The great disciple of Jesus who inspired the deep meditations of this gospel appeals to themes that speak to the common experience of humanity. In today's gospel we meet several of such themes. As we ponder them, we should recall that the Saviour is portrayed in the fourth gospel, bathed, as it were, in a subtle light that is the expression of his risen glory.

What 'way' should our personal journey take us, if we are to avoid life's frustrations and disappointments? - Jesus assures us that 'in him' our journey will lead to authentic life - 'I am the Way'. In a world filled with the voices of false hope and self-indulgence, where are we to find 'truth', a truth that we can 'see for ourselves'? - 'I am the Truth. To have seen me is to have seen the Father'. Where shall we find the 'place' where a truly loving welcome brings an end to our seemingly endless wandering? - 'I shall take you to my Father's house'. And, in the end, what manner of 'life' may we look forward to? - Something that is beyond the imagining of the human heart, nothing less than sharing all things with God - 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me'.

### From Parish Priest's Keyboard

I am sure that your spirit has lifted with the announcement that the numbers at one gathering has increased from 2 to 10 but it is a long way off before we can gather at your place of worship and parish functions. The place of worship is very much limited to 10 people who are involved in bring Live Stream Mass to you at home. So the church's door is not opened for worshippers to gather at the moment. There is a very big penalty if we break the directives - that is, the parish priest, which is myself will have to pay a fine of \$50,000 or might go to prison! Hopefully to will get some concessions on Monday but I think it will still be restrictive.

In the meantime, we continue to pray and support one another in whatever ways we can. Especially, for those who are lucky to have their mothers around, please give her a special day by letting them know that you love and care for them though you are not able to be physically closed to them. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers.

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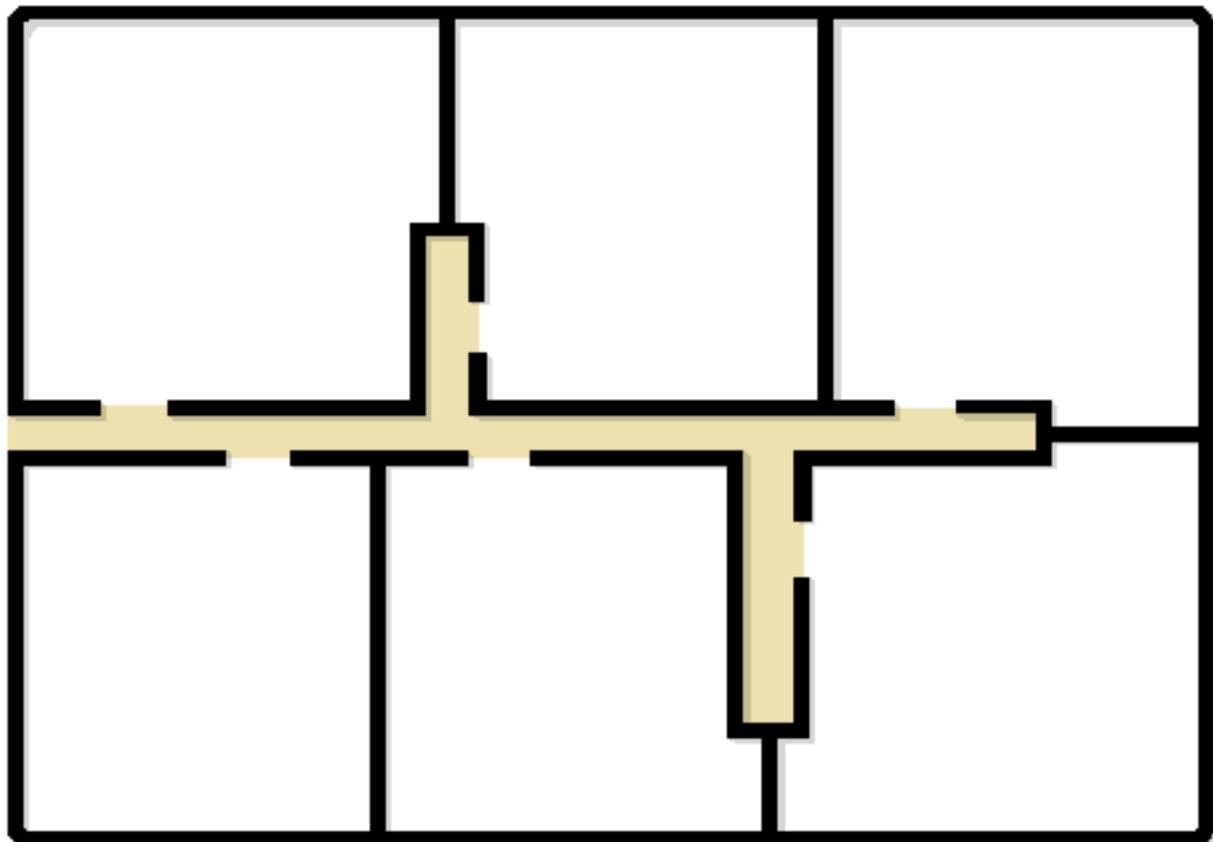
# Jesus is the way to the Father



5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in His Father's house and that he has prepared a place for each of us.

Fill each room with drawings of your family and friends.



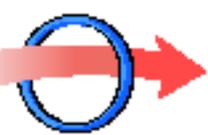
Draw an arrow next to the words below which describe the Way, the Truth and the Life that Jesus wants us to follow.

- LOVE
- PEACE
- GREED
- FORGIVENESS
- CONFLICT
- JUSTICE
- SELFISHNESS
- COMPASSION
- HONESTY
- HATRED

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?

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## First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to

the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.'

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

## Next Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

17 May 2020

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



'Nice guys finish last.' 'Look out for Number One.' 'Be the "me" generation.' Have you ever heard these sayings? What kind of lifestyle do they promote? Why do you think they became popular? Can a person really live an active Christian lifestyle without opposing this philosophy of life? Why or why not?

What do you think are the most important things in life? What does society, the mainstream culture in our country, say are the most important things in life? What does Jesus say are the most important things in life? How does all that relate to service?

The sandal is a symbol of service. How and why do you think a sandal symbolises service?

## 2020 Sacraments

Unfortunately, that due to the Pandemic Parish Schedules for our children to receive their Sacraments in 2020 is on hold. Though Catholic Schools students are continuing with their preparation, the children attending States of non-Catholic school have not been able to have their preparation in the Parish.

We hope to get a clearer picture next week of what is happening after the government have their meeting with the premiers what directives they are implementing.

In the meantime, parents whose children due to receive the Sacraments can get resources online and prepare them so that they will be up to date and able to keep up with and ready to receive sacraments when we get the green light to do so.



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