

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

5th Sunday of Easter - Year A

7th May 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



The words of today's Gospel are very familiar since this is the text frequently chosen at Christian funerals. The context of a funeral and poor translations mean that we have probably not really understood this passage. We possibly imagine that this Gospel speaks of a heavenly home that we will one day dwell in. In fact, it is the opposite.

The Gospel comes from Jesus' farewell meal where he speaks of his departure but also offers his disciples consolation. In the absence of the physical Jesus they will discover God's presence still with them. The image used to offer this consolation is that of the household, or family of God. Once again English translations miss this. The original Greek says 'In my Father's house/hold there are many dwellings.' (The Greek does not say dwelling places, or mansions, or rooms – just many dwellings.) Chapter 14 then goes on to describe the many dwellings in this household: the Father who dwells in Jesus (14:10), the Spirit who dwells with believers (14:17), the Father and Jesus who will dwell with believers (14:23), and Jesus who dwells with his disciples (14:25). Throughout this chapter, forms of one Greek word (menein) are used and translations should be more consistent and use 'dwell'. In each case the subject of the verb is not the believer but God –

named as Father, Jesus and Spirit. This entire chapter is about God's coming to dwell within the Christian community. In the Old Testament the great symbol of God's dwelling within Israel was the Temple, and in this Gospel Jesus has renamed the Temple as 'my Father's House' (2:16). This phrase, 'my Father's House' as well as referring to the Temple, is always used in the OT to speak of the members of the household. Frequently it is simply translated as, 'family'. So the dwelling of God within the community of believers makes us a living Temple and members of God's household.

When Jesus says, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' this also has a background in the Old Testament. The phrase, 'a prepared place' always referred to preparing a place for the Temple and the Ark of the Covenant. So it is not that Jesus is preparing a heavenly place for us to dwell in some time in the future, but that right now, Jesus is preparing us to be living Temples in whom God dwells and members of God's household. This chapter of John's Gospel, and the following chapter which continues to use the word 'dwell' as it speaks of disciples dwelling in a vine, provides a rich spiritual concept of the mutual indwelling presence of God and believer.

You and I now make up the community that is the household of God, where Jesus, the Father and the Spirit dwell. We don't have to wait until death to dwell in God's household, we are that household now. Jesus says, 'I am the way,' – in and through him we have become God's children, and members of God's household.

Children image their parents. In Jesus' time he said, 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' So today, if people want to know what God is like, where can they look? You and I as children of God's household are the bearers of God's image for our world. If the world asks like Philip, 'Let us see the Father,' we should be able to answer, 'Look at me!'

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SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm
Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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11am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 6/7 May	Weekend of 13/14 May
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	J Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	S McLlheney	S McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Carvalho	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Antonia Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Lucsak, G Shankar	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
May Mon 8	8.00am	Communion Service (5th week of Easter) Church
Tue 9	8.00am	Mass - (5th week of Easter) Church
Wed 10	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter) Church
Thu 11	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter) Church
Fri 12	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter) Church
Sat 13	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (6th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
Sun 14	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (6th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (6th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (6th Sunday of Easter Year A) Church



2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation

6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023

First Holy Communion

9.00am Sunday, 11 June 2023
 Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
 25 May 2023

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023
 Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023
 Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
 12 October 2023



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 All are welcome; no age limits.
 Line Dancing classes temporarily
 Closed until Monday, 15 May 2023



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome
 For more information, please contact or
 text Maurice on 0408 782 224
 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

New Norcia Meditative Retreat:

Tues 16 May – Thurs 18 May 2023

Organised by: National Seniors, Perth Branch in collaboration with the Institute of Benedictine Studies

Cost \$250.00 (includes accommodation for two nights, all meals, entrance to the Art Gallery and Museum, Tour of the town, three workshops and piano recital)

Travel: Own vehicle or TransWA bus.
 Seniors Concession \$25.25.

This will be a two- and half-day Retreat involving staying at the New Norcia Monastery Guesthouse and at Gertrude's College for a total of 32 persons. A Retreat program will be delivered by the Director of the Institute of Benedictine Studies.

For more information please see flyer on the notice board or Contact: Adolph de Sousa Mob 0413129707 or email adolphdesousa@hotmail.com

Morning Tea



Our host for morning tea in May is Sr Martina

Please join us this Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

Month of May - Rosary



Traditionally the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Please come and join us at 7.00pm on Friday in May in the citation of the rosary to pray for the intercession of Mary for peace in the world - especially for Ukraine.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For any questions or itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 02 89124818

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

Ps 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.'

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?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend of 13/14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?

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