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Secretary: Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)

Office Hours: Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 3:00pm

Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm

VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.



MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth and the young, new and elderly families into its orbit.

HOLY MASS

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil): 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am
(followed by **Benediction & Adoration on First Friday**)
Tuesday: 7:30pm
(followed by **Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction**)

(Rosary: 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month, 11:15am
(2 months advance notice)

Baptism Preparation: Second Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.

Reconciliation: Tuesday: 7pm & Saturday: 5.30pm

Marriage: Minimum 6 months advance notice is required

Sacramental Preparation: Call Parish Office

LOL Primary School
Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

Parish Finance Committee Chairman: Michael Di Paola Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Michael Dennis

PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

Liturgy: Roger Ratcliffe & Sherman Sta. Maria

Baptism Preparation: Rudy Vail & Maureen Mardy

Sacramental Preparation: Jacinta Joy

Home Visits & Holy Com.: Jan Webster

Counseling: Jan Webster

Care & Support Group: Anne Tilley

Liturgy Roster: Dany Lim

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Lit. of the Word for Children: Maureen Mardy

Our Lady of Fatima Visit: Veronica Measki

Bible Discussion Group: George Lucky (Call 0418336697)

Parish Choirs: P. Lisle / M. Dennis / Fons;
S. Fernandes; S. Egmond; K.D'Souza;
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Prayer Group: Yvonne Fenech (Wed 7:30 pm)

Mothers Prayers: Margaret Stolke (Mon 7 pm)

Child Safety Officers: Peter Goggin & Maureen Mardy

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Parish Website: Danny Lim & Abel Sujeev

Craft Group: B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick (Thurs 9:30 am)

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Men's Group: John Tilley (Last Mon 7:30 pm)

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 May 2019 YEAR C

We aim to be a Safe and Inclusive Parish



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	RESPONSE	ACCLAMATION
<p>1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11</p> <p>2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 24:46-53</p>	<p>O God, let all the nations praise you!</p>	<p>Alleluia!</p> <p>ALL WHO LOVE ME WILL KEEP MY WORDS, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE THEM, AND WE WILL COME TO THEM.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p>

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR TEACHER, ADVOCATE AND THE SOURCE OF PEACE AND JOY

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, Advocate and the Source of peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.



Excerpts from Gospel Reflection by Fr Tony Kadavil at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

In his farewell address to his disciples, his consoling words to them and to us are very encouraging: **Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. [John 14:1]**

offers us a vision of the rest of the story - the whole story. When we believe that death - in all its forms - is just a scarecrow, then we grow in courage. We are offered the courage, not only to face huge challenges and tremendous losses in this life, but we can embrace a courage which offers us the ability to love boldly, to give our lives away in service for and with others. We can, as Pope Francis urged the youth at World Youth day, "row against the current" of our culture. We can be unafraid to be advocates for those who are not very popular in our world. Our world becomes bigger, our concerns move much more outside of ourselves. We appreciate the meaning of Jesus' promise: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." [Matthew 16:25] The joy of finding our life, finding who we are, finding out clearly what the outcome is, and where we are going, is tremendously freeing.

It is beautiful that Jesus anticipates that what we will face in this life, as his believers, will likely be troubling. Each and every one of us can name a lot of things that are weighing on our hearts these days. Small things and really big things tend to pile up and deeply affect us and the choices we make. These troubling challenges can disturb our relationships. Since all grief is connected, they can shake loose other griefs and sadness in our lives - some of which had been buried for a long time. Often these troubling feelings challenge our faith as well. At the very least, our sadness can make it difficult for us to hear the Good News Jesus' resurrection brings us. Jesus invites us to have faith in God and in him. He doesn't say that lightly. He knows. He understands what we are facing. Because he knows and understands, he knows that we need what he has won for us. I might be tempted to fight it off or to resist it in some way. My sadness can become my home, and, at times, it can become my identity. We can even diminish our ability to perceive the gift by saying, "He's offering me nothing in this world; only future happiness. I'm overwhelmed now!" Jesus is offering us a peace nothing else can offer us. One of the Lent prayers says that God's graces allow us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. How does eternal life offer us a peace and strength now? It

Our problems don't go away. The pain of those we love is still there. The discouraging reality we must face is still a reality. What changes is the meaning it all has. It can all be touched by the healing transformation that comes from his death and resurrection. And the picture, the context of it all, becomes so much bigger. We have hope. Death can be redeemed. All deaths. All losses. All disappointments. All sin. Jesus has prepared a place for us to celebrate together for all eternity. We can ask for the grace these days to let our hearts be open to the Good News, to be transformed by its joy, and to share this faith with the world. At that point, we can begin to feel and look like resurrection people, who know the meaning and the outcome of our life in Jesus. Alleluia!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARY: Alice Read, Thelma Treverton, Harry Harrison, Frank Walsh, Amy Perry, Joyce Lukassen, Vincent Haynes, Jean Stempel, Margaret Jeary, Wasyl Pawluk.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret McLean, Pam Burke, Nigel Goggin, Matthew MacDonald, Wendy Markby, Angelita Augustine, Maureen Vennix, Fiona Scudds, Josephine Fenech, Amanda Kenny.



CATHOLIC SECTOR KEEN TO WORK WITH COALITION

Catholic Health Australia says it looks forward to continuing to work with the Morrison Government to improve health outcomes for Australians, following the Coalition's federal election win. "The Coalition has implemented important reforms in key areas such as private health, access to medicines, Medicare and new models of aged care delivery and we look forward to continuing to work constructively with them to deliver their policies in the best interests of Australians, our members and the health budget," Catholic Health Australia chief Suzanne Greenwood said. "This also enables Catholic Health Australia to work with the Government to address systemic barriers to continued improvement in palliative care including funding models, fragmentation, workforce shortages and the lack of awareness of and access to palliative care in general." Ms Greenwood said Catholic Health Australia members provide 13 per cent of all palliative care, more than 52 per cent of private inpatient beds, as well as private and public community-based palliative care. Full report at www.cathnews.com

POPE AT MASS: THE PEACE OF JESUS IS LIKE THE CALM OF A DEEP SEA

In his homily during Mass at the Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis reflected on the gift of peace promised by Christ to His Apostles as He prepared to leave them. That peace does not come from the world, but from the Holy Spirit. It remains during trial, and even gives us courage to go forward with a smile in our hearts. The peace of Jesus goes with this life of persecution, of tribulation. A peace that is deep down. A peace that no one can touch, a peace that is a gift, like the calm of a deep sea. Living in peace with Jesus is having this experience within, which remains during all trials, all difficulties, all 'tribulations'. The peace of Jesus, teaches us to go forward in life. It teaches us to endure, to carry the burden of life, the difficulties, the labour, everything, without losing peace; but rather bearing the burden and having the courage to go forward. This can only be understood when there is the Holy Spirit within, who gives us the peace of Jesus. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 1 June - St Justin, martyr



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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW NEEDED NOW: FAITH LEADERS

Religious leaders have called for an update on Scott Morrison's plan to introduce a religious discrimination act. Last Tuesday, Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said the "relative autonomy and legal protections afforded religious institutions, including schools and hospitals, had come under increasing scrutiny and even attack". He called on believers to "resist attempts" to exclude them from public life and urged the parliament to "ensure that respect for religious freedom informs our laws and social policies". Michael Stead, chair of the religious freedom reference group for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, said the issue of religious freedom was "very significant in a number of electorates" during the federal election on Saturday. "It demonstrates the need for the government to push ahead with its promise for a religious discrimination act, which would help to alleviate some of the concerns that emerged, particularly during the last part of the election campaign," Dr Stead said. Full report at www.cathnews.com

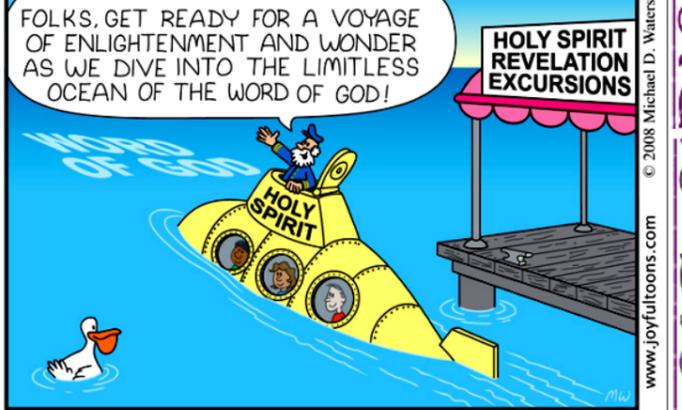
HOLY LAND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE SEMINARIANS

Fifth-year Melbourne seminarians, Samuel Pearson and Kyaw Lin (Joseph) Aung, have been awarded the opportunity of a lifetime after having won a Holy Land Scholarship. The duo were presented with the Cardinal Foley and Walter P Martin Holy Land travel scholarship at the Knights of the Southern Cross Priests Support and Education Fund luncheon at Corpus Christi College on Sunday 19 May. Each year the Knights of the Southern Cross host the annual KSC Archbishop's Dinner to raise money for the KSC Priests Support and Education Fund, which seeks to assist with the formation of the future leadership of the Church. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal. Your generosity will surely help our Catholic Healthcare Chaplains in providing support to patients and their families in hospitals in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

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REVELATION EXCURSION A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. - 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10 NIV