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Mon - Fri

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Saturday

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Sunday

Mass: 9.30 am

Vespers : 5.30 pm

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PARISH CALENDAR: 10th—17th May 2020

Sun 3rd **5th Sunday of Easter**

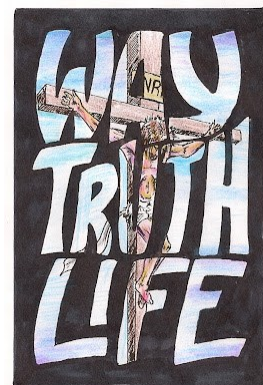
Thu 14th **St Matthias**

Sun 17th **6th Sunday of Easter**

"TRUST IN GOD, AND TRUST IN ME."

It is said that an optimist looks at a half glass of water and sees it half full. A pessimist, looking at the same glass, sees it half empty. So, was Jesus an optimist? He says that his disciples will do "the works as I do, and will perform greater ones than these...." Is he serious? Was he just a wide-eyed optimist? Judging from the raw material Jesus had to work with, how could he make such a promise?

He is seated around the table with his disciples the night before he died and is confronted by his disciples' lack of understanding. Still, he tells them that they will do greater works than the ones they have seen him do. We might ask, "Where are these greater works Jesus promised believers would do? Maybe it is because we modern believers have not acknowledged God's power and have relied too much on our own powers."



Today Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." Jesus was speaking to his disciples who had plenty of reasons to be troubled. It is the Last Supper and these are his farewell words to his disciples. They are not sure what the future holds for them, but it doesn't look good. One thing they do know, one thing they are sure of – whatever Jesus is speaking about is going to test their faith. Trouble and unrest are coming in ways they have never before experienced. Trouble and unrest – two unwelcome guests are about to disturb their lives.

What a bleak future for good people who had placed their trust in Jesus; people who had envisioned a completely different future for themselves. Jesus' words about his death troubled their hearts. Was there a future for them with this crisis coming upon them? How could they endure it? What would get them through it?

The troubles would be severe and the community would be scattered in fright. Still, Jesus asked his table companions, and he also asks us all today, "Trust in God and trust also in me."

Jesus' promise of his lasting presence with his followers wasn't just a promise for rosy, blissful times, but holds especially true in times of stress. Left by ourselves our faith would crumble. Think of the test our faith has endured during these years of suffering brought on by the clergy scandals, or this year by Coronavirus pandemic. Yet, if Jesus' life has taught us anything, it is that new life can come out of pain, even out of death.

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

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Our **PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK** for the month of May is available on our website <http://www.stdominics.org.au> to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Leydon, Fr Brian Reynolds OP, Sr M. Bernarda Barrera, Sr M. Teofila Viotto **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elizabeth Teresa Fitzgerald, Phyllis Fields **The sick of our parish:** Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	9 th May	Special Intention Sr M Bernards Barrera
Sun	10 th May	Beverly Aliprandi Sr M Teofila Viotto
Mon	11 th May	Fr Brian Reynolds OP Anne Leydon
Tue	12 th May	Beverly Aliprandi Phyllis Fields
Wed	13 th Apr	Marjorie June Whelan Sr M Bernarda Barrera
Thu	14 th May	Amy & Bryan Hickey
Fri	15 th May	Sr M Teofila Viotto

Masses will continue to be offered by the priests who will celebrate their community Mass every day and the names of deceased and anniversaries will still be written in the Dominican which will be available online. If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.

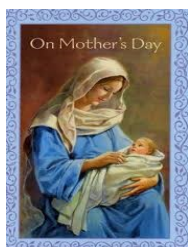
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"Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace to live peace... Peace will be the last word of history."
St. Pope John Paul II

**At this time of great need may the Lord bless us and keep us, may the Lord shed His light upon us and give us His peace.
We ask God to bless all our Mothers, whom we may not be able to visit this weekend.
May they be blessed and stay safe.**



Hymn: The Way, the Truth, the Life - Pat Barrett
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ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY— COVID-19 UPDATE Our services to the community are NOT closed. If you need assistance with food vouchers and other urgent financial assistance during the current pandemic please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 305 330 between 10.00 AM and 3.00 PM - Monday to Friday'.

DOMINCARE In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Domincare. Domincare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

SISTER DISCIPLES of 830 Riversdale Rd Camberwell, wish to advise even though our gates are closed, we are still here to help you with all that you need. Just send us a email liturgicalcentremelb@pddm.org.au or have a look at our web site www.pddm.org.au or telephone us 9888-4754.



Fr. Brian Reynolds OP

former Assistant Parish Priest at St Dominic's,
died in Ireland on Wednesday.

He had been ill for some time.

Older parishioners will remember Fr Brian's
quiet but diligent ministry, in which he always
gave first place to those on "the outskirts" in a
parish where the relative prosperity of many can hide the
indigence and loneliness of others. Brian always had an ear
for the struggling and forgotten in our society.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A private funeral will take place due to the pandemic.

The 7am Mass on Monday at St Dominic's will be offered for
Fr Brian, and will be live streamed: fb.me/StDoms816

May he Rest in Peace

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

"Work"

"Work" in all its forms has occupied Christian thinking and
this has seen firm statements made about the worth and
dignity of all workers.

The secular approach to work is the symbolism of
International Workers' day (May Day): although we have
our uniquely Australian counterparts.

Leo XIII in 1891, Pius XI in 1931 and John XXIII in 1961
all purposely supported fundamental work rights and
obligations that have stood the test of time.

MASS READINGS AND HOMILIES

The readings can be found by clicking on links below

For Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

For Vespers: <http://universalis.com/vespers.htm>

Recent Homilies are available to read (pdfs)
or to listen to (podcasts) on our Homily webpage.

MORE LINKS TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

The Cathedral puts on a very good broadcast at 11.00am,
and available on demand thereafter:-

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>.

<https://thesundaymass.org/> is another excellent on-line
Sunday Mass, available at any time on Sunday and in the
week following.

Daily Mass: The Cathedral site also makes available
Mass each day <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

WELCOMING THE STRANGER This time is
difficult for all of us and especially for those
people seeking asylum here, often with very
little or no income. The parish helps the
Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project with a grocery
collection each year - we can't collect groceries at present
but you might like to help with a donation. Donations to
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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 — What can we expect?

21 May, 28 May and 4 June at 7.30 pm. Delivered online,
the three part series will explore expectations of the
Plenary Council and the notion of synodality in the life and
mission of the Church. For more information go to
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5th SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A — REFLECTION

Each year during the last weeks of the Easter Season the
Gospels draw on Jesus' Farewell Discourse at the Last Sup-
per and they have similar themes: that Jesus, while returning
to his Father, will remain with his disciples down through the
ages, and that at his departure the Father will send the Holy
Spirit to deepen the bond between Jesus and those who be-
lieve in him.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that although he is
returning to the Father he will remain with them as the Way,
the Truth and the Life. Philip then asks Jesus to show him
the Father. It is Jesus' response to Philip that I want to reflect
on this morning: 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,
and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has
seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'"

Jesus' reply to Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the
Father" reminds us, as Emeritus Pope Benedict said in a
General Audience, that "Jesus ... does not merely speak of
the Father but [he] is the Revelation of God." How can Jesus
be the revelation of God? It is because he is God that he re-
veals God. We only know Jesus when we can say with
Thomas Jesus, my Lord and my God.

The only Son has made the Father known through his hu-
manity. As the first Preface of the Nativity of the Lord puts it:
"in the mystery of the Word made flesh ... we recognise in
him [Jesus] God made visible." Because the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us we can say that God has a human
face. It is Jesus. The Catechism puts it strikingly, "Christ's
whole earthly life - his words and deeds, his silences and
sufferings, indeed his manner of being and speaking - is Rev-
elation of the Father. Jesus can say: "Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father.""

Rightly, we contemplate Jesus as casting light on ourselves,
that Jesus "reveals humankind to itself." In the words of the
2nd Vatican Council, "It is "only in the mystery of the Word
made flesh that the mystery of humankind truly becomes
clear." Jesus, as man, teaches us how to live in a fallen
world, how to relate to each other and to his heavenly Father.

But such is the mystery of Jesus that he, as Word made
flesh, reveals the Father. Thus Jesus' reply to Philip,
"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father," reminds us
that while Jesus in his humanity, as true man, reveals to us
our true selves, who we are called to be, it is in his divinity,
as true God, he reveals the Father, and indeed reveals the
Holy Spirit as the Gift of the Father and the Son. And as the
Catechism has reminded us Jesus' "whole earthly life" re-
vealed the Father.

In the season of Easter in contemplating Jesus' death and
resurrection we also contemplate the Father and his love for
us his wayward children revealed in Jesus, the human face
of God.

Fr David Willis OP

PROPER OF THE MASS: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Today's Readings

(5th Easter, Year A) Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Next Week's Readings

(6th Easter, Year A) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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