



9th Week of Ordinary Time

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from home*



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1st–7th June 2020 (31st May – ~~Feast of Pentecost~~)



Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections

► COVID-19 Pandemic:

From Monday 1st June until 21st June, under strict conditions and for no more than TWENTY people at a time, there can be Masses and Services in Churches.

SEE BELOW for details for Masses and how to be one of a group of 20 for a Mass.

Website <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> has Mass online; TV Mass 11am Sun. C31(44).

Information about COVID-19 is found at: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus

NOTE: The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply during this time.

● Groups for Masses: Groups of 20 persons are allowed for Masses.

In accordance with COVID-19 instructions, names and contact numbers of all who attend a Mass in May are to be recorded and appropriate sanitation and social distancing are to be practiced.

Forms are available in front of the HALL, to record your **FIRST name** for one of a group of 20 for Masses 1st to 21st June inclusive..

Please allow those, who cannot come on weekdays, to have preference for weekend Masses.

● CELEBRATIONS: 1st – 7th June 2020 for assigned Groups of 20 only!!

Monday	9.00am	Mass Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church
Tuesday	5.00pm	Mass Wednesday Ordinary Time Week 9, Yr II
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Uganda
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	5.00pm	Mass Memorial St Boniface, martyr, Bishop of Mainz
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass of the Holy Trinity, yr A,
Sunday	8.00am & 10.00am	Mass of the Holy Trinity, yr A.

● Keep in Touch: See our website: <http://perpetualhelp.org.au>

● **Support Your Parish:** We need to continue to support our Parish while we have minimal collections at Masses. Those who use sacrificial giving envelopes might consider dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office (in the box by the presbytery door) or at Any Mass or:

- Making a **direct deposit** payment through your bank to :

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Or • **Credit Card** via our new Payment Portal: [CDFpay for Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)

All donations will be graciously received. We need finance to continue to pay the bills of our Parish.

FAMILY PRAYER at HOME – Feast of the Pentecost 2020

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia! The Lord has ascended into heaven !

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. **All:** Amen.

► FIRST READING: *Acts 2:1-11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

► RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**℟ Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**



Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are! How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

℟

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

℟

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

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► SECOND READING: *1st Cor. 12:3-7.12-13*

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

► SEQUENCE *Pray together the Sequence.*

► GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

➤ GOSPEL: *John 20:19-23*

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

► Think about the readings. You can use Lectio Divina on p3 for reflection on the Gospel.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, breathe your life into our souls and our Parishes. Make us a fire of love burning brightly for those in need of your peace and healing. Drive us out of our hiding places, and send us forth to renew the face of the earth. **All:** Amen.

Leader: The Holy Spirit inspires our prayers and empowers all that we do, so let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: **All:** Our Father

Leader: May God bless us and may the Holy Spirit give us gifts to be true followers of Jesus.

All: In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches. We have been invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day.)

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sequence

**Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.**

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!**

**Thou of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;**

**Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.**

**Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:**

**If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.**

**Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:**

**Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.**

**Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:**

**Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high:
Give us joys that never end.**

St Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.

● **Fr Joe to Retire:** After extensive discussions, proposals and counsel, and in consideration of health issues, the Archbishop has accepted that I **retire on 30th June** this year. Fr John Paul Mount will then become the Administrator of Dromana Parish in addition to his appointment as Administrator of Rosebud Parish. I am working with Fr John Paul to work out what my continuing role might be in Dromana Parish. It has been a privilege to serve, and hopefully to continue to serve in a new way, all in the Parish of Dromana. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **Return Raffle Tickets** for the combined churches raffle **ASAP or no later than 1st August**. Ticket butts can be returned to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door.

Thanks.

✍ *Fr Joe*

**Readings of next Sunday:
Feast of the Holy Trinity, Yr A**

1st Reading: **Exodus 34: 4-6. 8-9**

Resp. Psalm: **Daniel 3: 52-56**

2nd Reading: **2nd Corinthians 13: 11-13**

Gospel: **John 3: 16-18**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through **Lectio Divina** on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: This weekend we are celebrating the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, our 1st Reading (Acts 2:1-11), the Holy Spirit came on the Apostles as flames of fire on Pentecost (pent = 50th) i.e. 50 days after the Passover (two important Jewish feasts). And the apostles were transformed and were understood by all the people of different nations and languages. So, **transformation and unity**, through the Holy Spirit, are Luke's focii in the Acts.

John, in our Gospel text, focusses on the transforming **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit of peace through **forgiveness**. Jesus gives this **gift** on the evening of the Day of Resurrection after first revealing himself to Mary of Magdala (who was deformed – not at peace – following Jesus' death). There is no mention of how the Apostles were changed by this **gift** in our text. It may have taken 48 more days till they were changed at Pentecost.

Read: **John 20:19 – 23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them.

He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Meditatio: Have I got any 'closed doors' to God, to the Holy Spirit? What/who causes me to be afraid – disease, people who I can't control, changing times etc? When have I felt Jesus' presence with me? Am I at peace? What do Jesus' wounds mean to me? How do I resolve the contradiction in the joy of the apostles on seeing the wounds of Jesus? Do I understand how

Jesus' wounds are called his 'glorious wounds'? How do I cope with my limitations, 'my wounds'? What does 'being sent' mean for me? Have I found peace through forgiveness – forgiveness is a the gift of the Holy Spirit? How have I experienced the life-sapping power of sin? Do I appreciate the life-giving gift we have in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Oratio: Pray for an openness to the Holy Spirit. Pray in thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pray for those who are locked away because of fear. Pray for those quarantining because of COVID-19. Pray for those who have pain and suffering in their lives. Pray for joy no matter what life brings. Pray for the wisdom to resist sin. Pray for a revival in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Be a peacemaker.

✍ *Fr Joe*

*** Please pray for those who are sick especially:**

Carl Rooney (Fr Joe's nephew), John Jose, Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available from the Parish Office.)

+ Please pray for those who died recently, and for Mary O'Shea whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

✦ Please pray for Healing: Pray to the Holy Spirit, the healer. You could pray the Sequence on p2. We might pray for the sick & suffering including those suffering through Covid-19, both physically and mentally. We could pray for healing and renewal for our Church, our Parish and all Nations. **A scripture Rosary for the Sick & Suffering is on p5-10.**

● **More Prayers etc for 6th Sunday of Easter:**

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Scripture Rosary for the SICK & SUFFERING

Luminous Mysteries

Stay with Me, Lord

- Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have you present so that I do not forget you.
- Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need your strength, that I may not fall so often.
- Stay with me, Lord, for you are my life, and without you, I am without fervour.
- Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.
- Stay with me, Lord, to show me your will.
- Stay with me, Lord, so that I may hear your voice and follow you.
- Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in your company.
- Stay with me, Lord, if you wish me to be faithful to you.
- Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for you, a nest of love.
- Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need you.
- Let me recognize you as your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that Eucharistic communion may be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.
- Stay with me, Lord, for it is you alone I look for. Your love, your grace, your will, your heart, your Spirit, because I love you and ask no other reward but to love you more and more.
- With a firm love, I will love you with all my heart. Amen.

■ By St Pio of Pietrelcina

❖ 1st Luminous Mystery

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Our Father

John the Baptist said: "I baptize you in water for repentance,
All: **But the one who follows me is more powerful than I am.**
Hail Mary

And I am not fit to carry his sandals;
All: **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

Then Jesus appeared:
All: **He came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
All: **"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."** Hail Mary

John tried to dissuade him.
All: **"It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me!"** Hail Mary

But Jesus replies: "Leave it like this for the time being;
All: **It is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands."**
Hail Mary



Hail Mary

As soon as Jesus was baptized he came up from the water,

All: **And suddenly the heavens opened**

Hail Mary

John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove

All: **And coming down on him.**

Hail Mary

And a voice spoke from heaven,

All: **"This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."**

Hail Mary

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness

All: **To be tempted by the devil.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

The suffering of Jesus Christ

Jesus understood suffering. He lived on earth for 33 years and entered into the world of human suffering. He experienced tiredness, hunger, thirst misunderstanding, the betrayal of Judas and the defection of the other Apostles, the injustice of his condemnation, and especially the agony of his passion and death on the cross. He truly knew suffering. He experienced it in his own flesh.

ALL: Help us to discover the meaning of suffering and be able to accept our own suffering uniting it with the suffering of Christ.

❖ 2nd Luminous Mystery

THE WEDDING AT CANA

Our Father

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there,

All: **And Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.**

Hail Mary



When they ran out of wine,

All: **Since the wine for the wedding was all finished.**

Hail Mary

The mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine".

All: **Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet."**

Hail Mary

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you".

All: **There were 6 stone water jars standing there, each could hold 20 or 30 gallons.**

Hail Mary

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water",

All: **And they filled them to the brim.**

Hail Mary

"Draw some water out now" he told them

All: **And take it to the steward.**

Hail Mary

The steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.

All: **Having no idea where it came from - the steward called the bridegroom.**

Hail Mary

"People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink,

All: **But you have kept the best wine till now".**

Hail Mary

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus.

All: **It was given at Cana in Galilee.**

Hail Mary

He let his glory be seen,

All: **And his disciples believed in him.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Suffering Strengthens Character

We all know people who have been through their 'fair share' of suffering but have emerged from it greatly strengthened in character. Some are well known but most known only by family and friends; their lives are a real inspiration to others. Without their suffering they would not be the persons they came to be. While we must do everything possible to reduce suffering on earth, we can never forget that suffering well borne can be a very powerful influence in the development of character and an expression of true human dignity.

ALL: **Help us to discover the meaning of suffering and be able to accept our own suffering uniting it with the suffering of Christ.**

❖ 3rd Luminous Mystery THE PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM

Our Father

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,

All: **Returned to Galilee.**

Hail Mary

There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

All: **"The time has come", he said.** Hail Mary

And the kingdom of God is close at hand.

All: **Repent, and believe the Good News.**



Hail Mary

The people said: "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it:

All: **He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.**

Hail Mary

Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?

All: **Jesus said, "I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners".**

Hail Mary

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent a message asking for him.

All: **He replied, "Who are my mother and brothers?"**

Hail Mary

Anyone who does the will of God,

All: **That person is my brother and sister and mother.**

Hail Mary

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal, a woman came in,
who had a bad name in the town.

All: **She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet.**

Hail Mary

I tell you that her sins, her many sins, have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love.

All: **It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.**

Hail Mary

The guests began to say to themselves, "Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?"

All: **Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

Suffering Helps to make up for Sins

In the words of the Catechism: "While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace." (CCC 1473) when received in this way, suffering can purify the soul like a "Purgatory on earth" and prepare it for a speedy entry into heaven.

ALL: Help us to discover the meaning of suffering and be able to accept our own suffering uniting it with the suffering of Christ.

❖ 4th Luminous Mystery

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Our Father

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James

All: **And went up the mountain to pray.**

Hail Mary

As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed

All: **And his clothing became brilliant as lightning.**



Hail Mary

Suddenly there were two men talking to him,

All: **They were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory.**

Hail Mary

They were speaking of his passing.

All: **Which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.**

Hail Mary

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but kept awake

All: **And they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.**

Hail Mary

As these were leaving him,

All: **Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is wonderful for us to be here;**

Hail Mary

Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

All: **- He did not know what he was saying.**

Hail Mary

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow;

All: **And when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid.**

Hail Mary

And a voice came from the cloud saying,

All: **This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.**

Hail Mary

And after the voice had spoken,

All: **Jesus was found alone.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Suffering Can be Offered up for Others

Just as Jesus offered his suffering on the Cross to the Father as an atonement for our sins, so we can offer our own sufferings to God not only for our own sins but for the benefit of others. This idea is expressed in the Morning Offering – we offer Jesus our prayers, works, joys and sufferings. When a person is suffering very much, the awareness that they can offer their suffering to help someone else can give their suffering a greater sense of purpose.

ALL: Help us to discover the meaning of suffering and be able to accept our own suffering uniting it with the suffering of Christ.

❖ 5th Luminous Mystery

THE LAST SUPPER

Our Father

It was before the Festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come

All: For him to pass from this world to the Father.

Hail Mary

He had always loved those who were his in the world,

All: But now he showed how perfect his love was.

Hail Mary

When the hour came he took his place at table,

All: And the apostles with him.

Hail Mary



And he said to them,

All: "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

Hail Mary

I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled

All: In the kingdom of God."

Hail Mary

Then he took some bread and when he had given thanks,

All: Broke it and gave it to them.

Hail Mary

He said, "This is my body which will be given for you;

All: Do this as a memorial of me."

Hail Mary

He did the same with the cup after supper, and said

All: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be poured out for you."

Hail Mary

"My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

All: I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Hail Mary

Just as I have loved you, you must love one another.

All: By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples"

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Suffering Benefits the Carers

Those who spend their lives caring for the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the dying will agree that they have grown humanly in many ways through their work. One virtue which can be sorely tested and thereby grow through such work is that of patience. Compassion is another quality that carers generally have to great degree and that grows through their work. And what can one not say about generosity, cheerfulness, kindness ... ?

ALL: Help us to discover the meaning of suffering and be able to accept our own suffering uniting it with the suffering of Christ.

✙ Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness, and our hope ! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Prayer of St Mother Teresa

Dearest Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of your sick, and whilst nursing minister to you.

Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you and say: 'Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is 'to serve you.'

Lord, give me this seeing faith, then my work will never be monotonous. I will ever find joy in humouring the fancies and gratifying the wishes of all poor sufferers.

O beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me, when you personify Christ; and what a privilege is mine to be allowed to tend you.

Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness or impatience.

And, O God, while you are Jesus, my patient, deign also to be to me a patient Jesus, bearing with my faults, looking only to my intention, which is to love and serve you in the person of each of your sick.

Lord, increase my faith, bless my efforts and work, now and for evermore. Amen.

Prayer of Bishop Mark Coleridge

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.