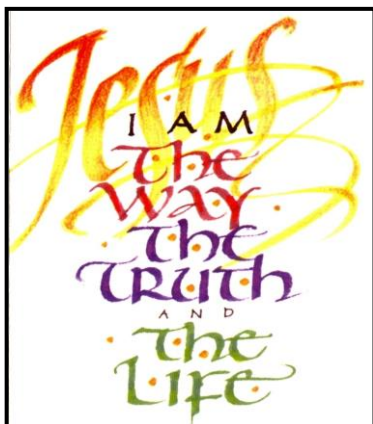


5th Week of Easter

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10th – 16th May 2020

Happy Mothers' Day !!

Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections

● **Fr Joe to Retire:** After extensive discussions, proposals and counsel, and in consideration of health issues, the Vicar General has agreed that I should **retire on 30th June** this year (two months hence). Fr John Paul Mount will then become the Administrator of Dromana Parish in addition to his appointment as Parish Priest 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*

● **Hear Archbishop Comensoli's Message** for Mothers' Day and other prayers and reflections [Watch video](#)

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

► **COVID-19 Pandemic: ALL PUBLIC liturgies, including celebrations of the Mass, are suspended until further notice.**

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 of suspension.

● **Support Your Parish:** We need to continue to support our Parish while we have no 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:

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

1st Collection (Fr Joe) OLPH Dromana Presbytery Account BSB 083 347 Acc No: 904378858

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Please include your name or envelope number (if you have one) as the reference.

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.

● **Project Compassion:** Please bring Project Compassion boxes or set of envelopes to the parish office or put them in the box beside the office door or visit www.caritas.org.au to make a donation

● **COVID-19 Appeal:** Caritas Australia is asking for urgent donations to help those families living in poverty to access hygiene knowledge, health supplies, soap and clean water that will save their lives. See details at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>

FAMILY PRAYER at HOME – 5th Sunday of Easter 2020

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia! Christ is the Way the Truth and the Life !

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

➤ **FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7**

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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

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 singing him songs.

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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.

℟



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.

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➤ **SECOND READING: 1st Peter 2:4-9**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.



➤ **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!

➤ **GOSPEL: John 14:1-12**

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

Leader: 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. **All:** Amen.

Leader: Jesus opens the way to eternal life , so let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father

Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe on our journey through this time of Pandemic.

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.



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

● **Sell Raffle Tickets:** Due to the current COVID -19 restrictions, the combined Churches raffle has been granted an extension. ☉ **Ticket Sales Closing Date: 11th September** ☉ **Draw Date: 26th September at 7.15 pm** ☉ **Publication of Winners Date: 30th September.**
We still have over 80 Books of Tickets to sell. Get books of tickets from the the Parish office during office hours. Ticket butts can & should be returned to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door ASAP. *We need to make this Raffle a fundraiser for our Parish !!* ✍ Fr Joe

**Readings of next Sunday:
6th Sunday of Easter, Yr A**

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17
Resp. Psalm: Ps 65: 1-7. 16. 20
2nd Reading: 1st Peter 3: 15-18
Gospel: John 14: 15-21

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

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

Lectio: Our Gospel this Sunday is set in the long discourse of Jesus with his apostles at the Last Supper. The apostles will only understand what happened that night, some 50 days later, when the Holy Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost. That night they shared in the first Eucharist; Judas went to betray Jesus; when Jesus had said *that he would not be with them much longer and that they should love one another just as he loves them*, it provokes Peter to ask where Jesus was going and why he can't follow; Jesus predicted Peter's triple betrayal. For us, Jesus has risen the Holy Spirit empowers us to live the command of love. Yet do we understand where Jesus is present for us now? Will we believe in Jesus and not betray him?

Read: 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 going now 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.'

Meditatio: Am I troubled at the moment; am I still trusting in God? How much do I long to gather together in our church for Masses and the Sacraments? Do I feel how Jesus is with me where I am – in my home? Am I concerned about the way I am living my faith at the moment? Do look towards even better ways to live my faith in the future – when this pandemic is over? Though the future way of life is unknown, is my relationship with Jesus still strong because He is the Way the Truth and the Life? When faced with such an uncertain future, do I need Jesus to give me signs before I believe in him? Jesus has completed his work as Saviour on Earth, am I open to the workings of the Holy Spirit to perform the same and even greater works than Jesus?

Oratio: Pray that our churches will again be opened and able to be used in the fullest ways. Pray that our churches will not fall into disrepair. Pray for a renewed presence of Jesus in the rooms of our homes. Pray that our way of life in the future will help us be even better disciples of Jesus. Pray that all people will have the help they need to keep healthy in mind and body? Pray for our Bishops who are meeting this week. Pray for mothers, may their service always be appreciated. Pray for all who are responsible for shaping our way of life, now and into the future.

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

After your prayer – Sit in a quiet place and let the Lord be with you. ✍ 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 those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

✦ Please pray for Mothers: You can use the Scriptural Rosary for Mothers see p5-8 below. Or copies can be picked up from the Parish Office during office hours.

● More Prayers etc for 5th Sunday of Easter:

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Scriptural Rosary **For MOTHERS**

The JOYFUL Mysteries

All: **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mum with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mum gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time mums give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home mums, working mums, and mums who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of mums, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mum strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

❖ 1st Joyful Mystery

THE ANNUNCIATION

Our Father

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin;

All: **And the virgin's name was Mary.**

Rejoice, so highly favoured!

All: **The Lord is with you.**

She was deeply disturbed by these words

All: **And asked herself what this greeting could mean.**

But the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid;

All: **You have won God's favour.'**

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son,

All: **And you must name him Jesus.**

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High;

All: **And his reign will have no end.**

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about,

All: **Since I am a virgin?'**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you

All: **And the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.**

And so the child will be holy

All: **And will be called Son of God.**

'I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary

All: **'Let what you have said be done to me.'**

Glory Be

All: O my Jesus ...

Mary, mother of God through the message of an angel:

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray



Hail Mary

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that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ **2nd Joyful Mystery**

THE VISITATION

Our Father

Mary set out at that time and went to the hill country.

All: **And she went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.**

Hail Mary

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

All: **And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary

She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,

All: **And blest is the fruit of your womb.'**

Hail Mary

Yes blessed is she who believed

All: **That the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.**

Hail Mary

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

All: **Because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.**

Hail Mary

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed

All: **For the Almighty has done great things for me.**

Hail Mary

Holy is his name,

All: **And his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.**

Hail Mary

He has shown the power of his arm,

All: **He has routed the proud of heart.**

Hail Mary

He has pulled down princes from their thrones

All: **And exalted the lowly.**

Hail Mary

The hungry he has filled with good things,

All: **The rich sent empty away.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus



Mary, mother of God who in visiting Elizabeth began the spreading of the good News:

We especially pray for single mums, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honour of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ **3rd Joyful Mystery**

THE NATIVITY

Our Father

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem

All: **The time came for her to have her child.**

Hail Mary

And she gave birth to a son, her first-born,

All: **And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes.**

Hail Mary

And she laid him in a manger

All: **Because there was no room for them at the inn.**

Hail Mary

In the countryside close by there were shepherds
All: **And the angel of the Lord appeared to them.**

Hail Mary

Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy,
All: **A joy to be shared by the whole people.**

Hail Mary

Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you;
All: **He is Christ the Lord.**

Hail Mary

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
All: **And peace to men who enjoy his favour.**

Hail Mary



And some wise men came from the east,
All: **And going in they saw the child with his mother Mary.**

Hail Mary

And falling to their knees they did him homage.
All: **Then they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

Hail Mary

And Mary kept all these things
All: **And pondered them in her heart.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus

Mary, mother of God who bore the Saviour of the world in poverty yet in glory:
Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.
All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ 4th Joyful Mystery

THE PRESENTATION

Our Father

Observing the Law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem
All: **To present him to the Lord.**

Hail Mary

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.
All: **He was an upright and devout man.**

Hail Mary

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
All: **Until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.**

Hail Mary

And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, he took him into his arms.
All: **And Blessed God.**

Hail Mary

Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
All: **Just as you promised.**

Hail Mary

Because my eyes have seen the salvation
All: **Which you have prepared for all the nations to see.**

Hail Mary

A light to enlighten the pagans
All: **And the glory of your people Israel.**

Hail Mary



And he said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and the rising of many in Israel,
All: **Destined to be a sign that is rejected.**

Hail Mary

And a sword of sorrow will pierce your own soul too -
All: **So that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.**

Hail Mary

And they went back to Nazareth, and the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom;
All: **And God's favour was with him.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus

Mary, mother of God who presented Jesus as the light of the world:

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ 5th Joyful Mystery

THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Our Father

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem

All: **For the Feast of the Passover.**

Hail Mary

When they were on their way home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem

All: **Without his parents knowing it.**

Hail Mary

They went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

All: **Three days later they found him in the Temple.**

Hail Mary

He was sitting among the doctors,

All: **Listening to them and asking them questions.**

Hail Mary

And all those who heard him were astounded

All: **At his intelligence and his replies.**

Hail Mary

My child, why have you done this to us?

All: **See how worried you father and I have been, looking for you.**

Hail Mary

Why were you looking for me?

All: **Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?**

Hail Mary

But they did not understand

All: **What he meant.**

Hail Mary

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth

All: **And lived under their authority.**

Hail Mary

And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour

All: **With God and men.**

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus

All: **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.**

Mary, mother of God who knows we must be busy with God the Father's affairs.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

A Prayer for Mothers:

Where would we be without our mother's love?

Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom

to teach and guide their children

in a way that will help them to follow You and

to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight.

Give all mothers the patience

to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all,

give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts

that You have allowed them the honour of raising.

All: **Amen**

