

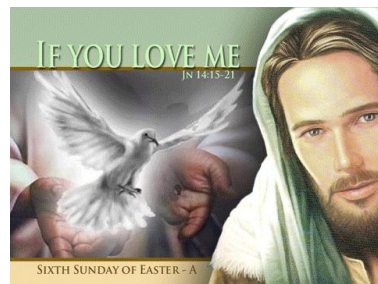
St. Agatha's Parish Cranbourne 1st May 2020

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SISTERS OF THE NATIVITY: Sr Mary Olofu, Sr Faustina Ede, Sr Victoria Orinya



6th Sunday of Easter

Due to COVID19 The Parish Office will be closed to visitors:
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am

Weekday Mass Times

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am

Please follow the link for YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9moZmnAUirOw-c9jn03Cg>

Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCP/>

For Mass offerings, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries please phone or email the parish office

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Recently Deceased: Shirley Evans, Audrey Benn, Melitus Fernando, Enid Fagan, Olive Treviranus-Nasalia, Alfred Mizzi

Those whose anniversary or remembrance occurs at this time: Dagma Mantel, Jack Raymond 1st, Mary Varghese 1st, Kurian PK, Mary D'Rosario, Nihal Ellawala, Fr Robert Mead, Fr Martin Roche, Fr Patrick Moore

Those who are sick: Arlette Lalouette, Stanley Jacobs, Catherine Williams, Warren, Lorenzo, Gabriel, Leo Domantay, Ignazia Carcangio, Eugene D'Cruz, Glen Lippert, Olivia Newton John, Patrick Adams, Edgar Lalouette, Nella Raffa, France Bernon, Arnaud Le Merle, Janet Elliott, Margaret Fry

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Leonard Foo & Loretta Chin via the Parish Office on 03 5996 1985, **Diocesan Professional Standards Officer:** 03 5614 5140. If a person is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse: **Call 000.**

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners, A Novena to Our Lady Help of Christians will be prayed every day at Mass till the 24th May.

I am sure you may be aware we received news this week that restrictions on our churches will begin to relax. As of Wednesday 13th May, religious organisations can hold services for up to 10 people.

In all cases, the following requirements apply: social-distancing rules of at least 1.5m observed between attendees and allowing 4 square meters per person. A register of attendees, including name and phone number of attendees will need to be recorded. Cleaning by wiping surfaces with disinfectant, parishioners at risk should stay at home (including elderly, frail, those with chronic illness or immune-compromised), you must stay home if you are sick, displaying any respiratory, cold or flu like symptoms however slight.

With this very welcome news, Fr Stanly and I will return to celebrating our regular weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.45am and 6.00pm from next weekend 23rd May. Masses will continue to be Livestreamed on Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am and weekdays at 9.30am for those who are unable to be physically present in the Church.

In addition to this, the Parish Hall will be open for an additional 10 people to attend the 9.00am and 10.45am Sunday Mass. As of Tuesday 19th May, for 3 weeks, weekday Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 6.30pm from Tuesday to Friday to allow more parishioners to attend a Mass.

Only those who have registered will be allowed into the Church, the Church doors will be locked 10 minutes before Mass commences. Please note that 10 people (babies and children) are counted as individuals. For those attending weekend Masses, Stewardship and Presbytery collections can be placed in basket on the Sanctuary.

If you would like to attend a Mass, a booking is essential! Bookings will be strictly taken through the parish office on Monday between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please phone 5996 1985, bookings at this stage will be taken for the coming week. Please consider those who have been unable to access Livestreamed Masses. We apologize in advance as not everyone will be able to get a weekend Mass.

We are planning to open the Church for private prayer during the day. Therefore, with this in mind I am inviting parishioners to contact the parish office, if you are able to assist help sanitize and supervise a prayer time in the Church.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we will continue to pray and to do our best to support you in any way we can.

God bless Fr Joseph

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 17th May 2020

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' ***R.***

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. ***R.***

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. ***R.***

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. ***R.***

SECOND READING

Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

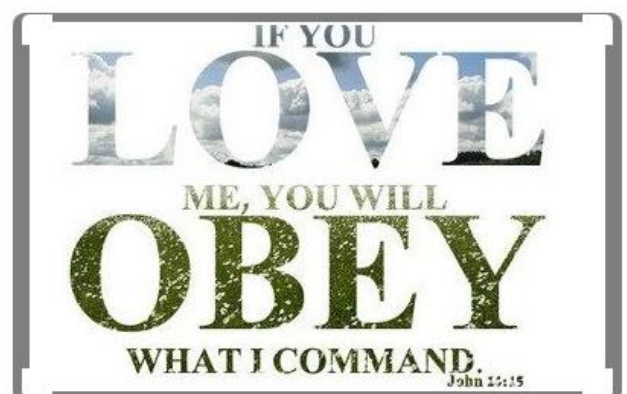
John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour



MASS OFFERINGS: At your request, a Mass can be offered for your intention. This can only be arranged through telephoning the Parish Office on 5996 1985.

The Parish Office is closed and staff will be working remotely from home, all calls and emails will be answered. Mon, Tue & Thurs Fri 8.30am to 3.00pm.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS: Stewardship Envelopes and receipts for all givers were posted last week. As you are unable to attend Mass during the COVID-19 restrictions we are appealing to parishioners to continue their financial support of the parish and to consider changing to direct debit during this time. Along with your statement we have included details on how you can continue to give to both the Stewardship and second (presbytery) collection. If you wish to continue to use the stewardship envelopes the letter will explain how you can submit them. If you have recently changed address could you please call the parish office on 5996 1985 to update your details.

COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE:

Due to the current restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government because of the Corona Virus pandemic, the Victorian Commission of Gambling and Liquor Regulation have extended the Draw dates and Publication for the 2020 Combined Raffle. **New Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm. Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.**

If you would like to purchase tickets for this raffle or return the ticket stubs please contact the parish office on 5996 1985.



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REMEMBERING ARCHBISHOP-ELECT PATRICK O'REGAN in your prayer as he prepares to take up his pastorship of the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

He is now in Adelaide and in isolation for two weeks. He will be installed as the 9th Archbishop of Adelaide, in a simplified ceremony, on Monday 25th May at St Francis Cathedral, on the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians.

The ceremony will be livestreamed via the Adelaide Archdiocese and details will be available on our Diocesan website.

O God, the giver of all good things,

We bless and thank you for Archbishop-elect Patrick, for the five years of his ministry and servant leadership among us as our Bishop in the Diocese of Sale.

We thank you for the example of goodness that he has been to us and by which we have been encouraged and inspired in our journey of discipleship of your Son, Jesus.

May you Holy Spirit continue to grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion.

May he be welcomed joyfully into the Archdiocese of Adelaide, now entrusted to his care and leadership.

May you continue to guide him and bless him all the days of his life.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Pray for us

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 18th May

John 15:26-16:4 The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me.

Tuesday 19th May

John 16:5-11 Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you.

Wednesday 20th May

John 16:12-15 The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Thursday 21st May

John 16:16-20 You will be sorrowful but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

Friday 22nd May

John 16:20-23 Your joy no one will take from you.

Saturday 23rd May

John 16:23-28 My Father loves you because you have loved me and believed in me.

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK

Liturgy Brisbane:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

“I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.”

Something to Think About

Even though we cannot see Jesus, we can experience his presence in many different ways. The Spirit is at work in the world, bringing love, joy, kindness, patience and gentleness. The main message in today's gospel is to love Jesus and to do as he commands. What does love look like.... feel like.... and sound like?

The Story

Jesus reminds the disciples that the way to show their love for him is to keep his commandments. However, the disciples are still fearful and anxious so Jesus promises them a comforter and helper – the Holy Spirit. They are not to feel alone or like orphans. The Holy Spirit will help them to know Jesus as the one sent by the Father.

Family Discussion

Begin by talking about activities we need help with before we can do them on our own, e.g. riding a bike, swimming, tying shoelaces.

Now talk about activities that we still need help with e.g. learning a new language, baking a new recipe.

Help is something we need all through our lives!! This is true for us as disciples of Jesus.

Talk about times when you have needed help to show your love for Jesus by keeping his commandments.

Meal Time Prayer



The Holy Spirit will help you and always be with you

My name is

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments". Draw pictures that show you following these commandments.

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Love the Lord your God
with all your heart.

Love one another,
as I have loved you.



Join the dots, then colour the picture.





**JESUS SAID:
'MY FATHER WILL
LOVE YOU AND
I WILL LOVE YOU'**



**SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE
WORD 'LOVE' TWELVE
TIMES IN THIS PUZZLE**

EASTER 6 — YEAR A

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