

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter – Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Geoff Tucker, Fr Barry Stickland, Lorna Pearce
Eileen Kane, Lang Dean, Brian O'Loughlan,
Luke Miller, Anne Fitzgerald, Peter Nolan,
Lionel Smith, Fr Laurie Gallagher

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby,
Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy,
Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan
and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Jim Mahony
29th May: John Jess

Prayers of the Faithful

22nd May: Charlie Franc
29th May: Sue Mahony

Assembly Leader

29th May: Anne Beer & Clarita Clancy
5th June: Jim & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

29th May: Therese Jess

Music

Today: Sue Mahony
29th May: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

May 15th – May 22nd: Chandler Family
May 29th – June 5th: Briody Family

Church Grounds

May 29th – June 5th: Briody Family

Newsletter

May - Angela Gerrard 0439565468

MASS TIMES for Next Week

May 29th: LLA 10.00am (*Ascension of the Lord*)

Mass Counts in May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May.

Farewell Anne

Please join for a cuppa in the Parish Centre following Mass today to say farewell to Anne Beer. Anne has been a very vital part of our faith community for many years, we thank Anne for all her contributions.

Planned Giving

Please consider making a contribution to the Parish Planned Giving Program. Contributions can be made via direct debit to: Bendigo Bank - Acc name: Beaufort Catholic Community BSB: 633000 ACC NO: 122019771

Social Justice Commission

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission (BDSJC) is looking for a Social Justice Parish Contact. If you are interested, please email Anthea Hinchey by May 31st on: Anthea.Hinchey@clonard.vic.edu.au

Our Diocese Community

Follow this link to April edition of the Diocese News: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ODC-April-2022-web.pdf>

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

22 MAY 2022

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and
the Father will love him.’ Put like that it sounds
so simple and yet in the life of the early Church
one of the burning issues was what it meant to
keep Jesus’ word. For Jewish Christians being
faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of
Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do
the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes
how Jewish Christians who came from Judea
to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping
the law was the principal way that a person
could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy
consideration, was to propose a compromise
that was hoped would enable both Jewish and
Gentile Christians to live in peace with one
another and to partake in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no
means without conflict, misunderstanding,
or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard
to see the signs of the times and to discern
what it was that the Lord was asking of them.
In the midst of all this Jesus’ promise of the
Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort.
Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our
hearts be troubled or afraid. John’s vision of
the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us
heart knowing that the goal of our journey is
in sight. With Christ as our light there is no
need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot
be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after
Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument
with these men it was arranged that Paul and
Barnabas and others of the church should go up
to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the
apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose
delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and
Barnabas; the whole church concurred with
this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and
Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood,
and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that
some of our members have disturbed you
with their demands and have unsettled your
minds. They acted without any authority from
us, and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who
have dedicated their lives to the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending
you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word
of mouth what we have written in this letter.
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by
ourselves not to saddle you with any burden
beyond these essentials: you are to abstain
from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals and from
fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what
is right. Farewell.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

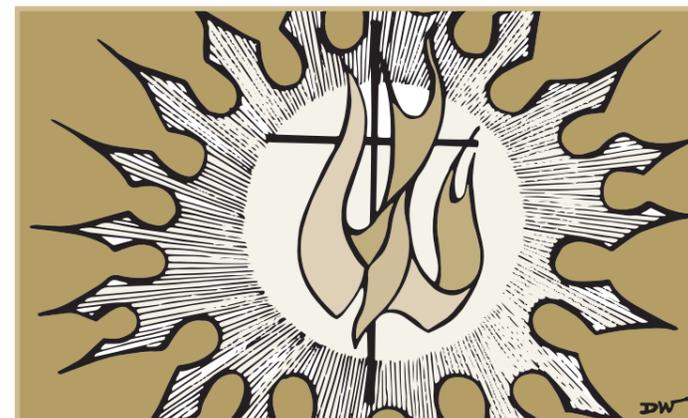
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

(or Alleluia!)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. **R.**



2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory
of God and glittered like some precious jewel of
crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a
great height, and had twelve gates; at each of
the twelve gates there was an angel, and over
the gates were written the names of the twelve
tribes of Israel; on the east there were three
gates, on the north three gates, on the south
three gates, and on the west three gates. The
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones,
each one of which bore the name of one of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were
themselves the temple, and the city did not
need the sun or the moon for light, since it was
lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb
was a lighted torch for it.

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