

## 6th Sunday of Easter - Year C 25th - 26th May 2019

**First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

*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!

**Second Reading:** Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

*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.

The Word of the Lord

**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

*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



## Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C 25th - 26th May 2019

#### “We will come and make our home in him.”

The final wishes or words of a loved one nearing death have a way of remaining with us. Powerful words between the dying and the living are so often exchanged at moments like this.

The setting of today's Gospel is the night before Jesus' own suffering and death. His farewell gift to his disciples is a message of peace.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you: a peace that the world cannot give I will give to you.”

But what is peace and where does it come from?

Peace could mean different things to different people. For someone suffering from a chronic illness, one or two hours without pain could be peace. Thoughts of an end to war and violence can bring peace. Finding a safe place from domestic violence or homelessness can be peace. The return of a lost son or daughter can bring an unimagined sense of peace.

Yet none of these images seem to fully capture or describe the peace of which Jesus speaks. As Jesus prepared to return to the Father, he was at peace knowing he had accomplished the mission for which he was sent, in spite of the sufferings and rejection he had to undergo. He teaches us that peace comes from both being faithful and in letting go. Peace is an inner sense that spurs us on through darkness and uncertainty. It is about recognising God's presence in and around us, made possible by the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a gift once received that must be shared.

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

What greater words of hope could there be! When we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, we discover peace. When we make good choices, we experience peace.

Today, we are invited to experience the gift of peace, which comes to us in both the Word we have heard and in the Eucharist we will receive. United as one in the body of Christ we will receive and offer each other a sign of this peace. But it doesn't stop there.

May the Spirit of God compel us

then, to go out and open our hearts to those who long for peace and to be instruments of healing in our Church and reconciliation in our world.



**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

**Priests in Residence:**

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

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Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

#### Parish Mass Schedule

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

**Devotional Practices:**

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English) & Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

### Chaplaincy Sunday

Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There was a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. The focus for 2019 is healthcare chaplaincy.

The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Healthcare chaplains offer emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to patients and their families in Melbourne's major public hospitals, as well as hospitals in regional Victoria.

Thank you to those who have donated to this important Appeal. For those who still wish to donate, you can return the envelope with your donation to the parish in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Archdiocese. Alternatively, you can visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy) to donate online. If you would like further information, please contact the Office of Philanthropy on 9926 5731 or email [OfficeofPhilanthropy@cam.org.au](mailto:OfficeofPhilanthropy@cam.org.au)



### Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

### Bring your Palms Together...

As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and our Call to peaceful development of global family.

#### Palms Together

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm

Irish Times Pub

427 Little Collins St, MELBOURNE

RSVP: June 2<sup>nd</sup> to [Robert@palms.org.au](mailto:Robert@palms.org.au)



Palms Australia

### Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Chloe Harris & Eva Salomè Richards** into our Parish family



### Last Week's Collection: 19/05/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1232.80

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$653.05

Donation: \$190.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



### Australian Catholic Youth Festival Information Nights

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June  
The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites parishes, individuals, movements and communities to join us for our regional ACYF information sessions. Find out all you need to know and have the opportunity to ask questions. You can join any session that suits you.

Northern region: St Fidelis Parish Hall, Coburg

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30–7.30pm

Eastern region: St Pius X, Heidelberg West

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30–7.30pm

Enquiries: [acyf@cam.org.au](mailto:acyf@cam.org.au)

Bookings: <https://forms.gle/GvNJyJNN7RkTppWr8>

Download Flyer: [https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF19\\_A5\\_ParishInfo\\_Flyer%20FA%20.pdf](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF19_A5_ParishInfo_Flyer%20FA%20.pdf)

### Extraordinary Month of Mission Song Contest 2019

Catholic Mission invites budding musicians to compose a song to celebrate Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission.

School students, youth groups, parish musicians and music students are invited to compose a song and submit it to the Diocesan Director of the Melbourne Diocese. Criteria: **1.** Produce a song which can be sent via Drop-box ([melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au)) by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. The time is short so the burst of inspiration is critical. **2.** Be free to create a song that encourages us to lend a voice to the voiceless. **3.** Internationally the competition asks that within the lyrics "baptised and sent" is included. Locally there is much scope for your own expression of mission. For further details contact: Kevin Meese, Diocesan Director on 0411256112 Email: [melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au) Catholic Mission 400 Albert St, East Melbourne VIC 3002

### National Volunteer Week

This Sunday concludes the National Volunteer Week (May 20-26th). It is the largest celebration of volunteers in Australia, providing an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the six million volunteers who volunteer their time in Australia. This year's theme has been "Making a world of difference", representing the reality of many volunteers who make such a positive difference in their communities, right across Australia.

On behalf of our parish community we like to say THANK YOU to all volunteers in different ministries and services to our parish. Their contribution to our parish is invaluable. May God shower his blessings upon them and may they be an inspiration and example for others to become active members on our Sacred Heart Community.

### Homelessness – What Parishes Can Do?

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019, with the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help. Cost: \$20 includes lunch.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>;

enquiries to Lucia Brick at [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au),

Tel. 03 9287 5566.



### Focus Facilitator Training 1

Presented by Mareaa; Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15–9.30pm  
FOCCUS is a valuable aid for all marriage celebrants and educators and provides the opportunity for individual couples to concentrate on their strengths and areas for growth. The facilitator may assist the couple to learn strategies and skills that will support them in building a life-long marriage.

Enquiries: [relationshipeducation@ccam.org.au](mailto:relationshipeducation@ccam.org.au)

Registrations: [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au)



### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 Volunteers

Thank you for your help!

### Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word



To be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681.

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick  
*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi*

Those who have died

*Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, John, Dino, Alfonso & Natalina Bernardini, Teresa Di Stefani, Cosimo Oppedisano, Carlo, Livio, Pasqua & Duilio Trentin (1 month), Mario Viceconte and all deceased members of the Carlo Trentin & Ottaviano Bertinello families.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



### Pondering Grief - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, 10am-4pm.

This Reflection Day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie, psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author with 35 years' experience specialising in loss, grief and trauma.

Cost \$80 including materials. Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill. Tel: 03 9890 1101, email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or book and pay online at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 21st May. Planning has commenced for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, to be a combined parish and school celebration, possibly on Sunday June 23rd. We are also talking about other planned celebrations, including Mission Sunday. The focus continues on ways to strengthen our community, with discussion on how to enhance our welcoming and hospitality.

### Roster for weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Terry Murphy	Marlene Vergou Barbara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L.	Recchia I. Roda G.	Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Mata Vaiau Catherine Zanatta	Alan Castles Pauline Veamatahau	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Cameron Dunne John Plum	Damian Casamento	Jessica Suppiah