

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

or:

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has
freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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5pm Taralga

Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)

9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS**SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am**Taralga:** 4.30pm (1st Sat)**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2nd Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or
central collection boxes.**ROSTER Coordinator-**judith.stuart11@gmail.com**BAPTISMS:** Book through the Parish Office.**DATES FOR THE DIARY****May 8:** Crookwell parish morning tea**May 11:** Rotary Council Parkside monthly BBQ 7am-1pm**May 12:** Mother's Day Service and Raffle**May 15:** Taralga Prayer group 10.am**May17-19:** Catholic School reunion.**June1&2:** First Holy Communion**June 30:** Parish Luncheon (Sts Peter & Paul Feast)**Combined Catholic Schools Goulburn Reunion May17-19**
Rsvp Paul Wales on 0412 676 073.

Volunteers interested in making rosary bracelets and
laces, please call the office for information on the criteria

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the Rotary Parkside Monthly
BBQ on **Sat May 11** between 7am to 1pm, and the
Bunnings BBQ to be held on **Sun June 9** between 8am
to 4pm. The funds raised will go to meet the
operational cost of the Cathedral's gas heating.
Please contact Dennis on 0415 210 245 to help out.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**Holy Communion lessons begin on**1st May Crookwell2nd May Goulburn**Confirmation Lessons begin on**8th August Goulburn**Love and best wishes,**

The tireless author of the monthly newsletter,
Chanel Burke, has retired from this ministry. We
thank her and applaud the time and effort that has
been poured into her work, and wish her blessings.

CROOKWELL PARISH MORNING TEA RETURNS

On the second Wednesday of the month, the
Crookwell Parish Morning tea will be held in the
Parish Meeting room at 10.30am. All welcome!!

**MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE tickets are available from the
office, or your Church. They are sold at \$2 each or 3
for \$5. Be in the running for a packed Hamper!!**

Recently Deceased: Stephen Armstrong, Dwain Berggren, Joe Patti, Steven Thorne, Dwain Berggren, Joe Patti,
Joseph O'Neil, Violeto Policarpia, Rita Berrell, Carmen Williams, Myra Kanowski, Sr Marie De Porres, Bob Bower,
Margaret Cherry, Theresia Neonbasu, Barbara Simpson, Archbishop Francis Carroll,

Anniversaries: Christina Pablo, Angela O'Gara, Joseph Rev. Fr. Peter Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Anne Murphy,
Bessie James, Mavis Lee, Stefan Karwowski and family, Zdzislaw Peplowski, Irene Bobrowski, Janet Fisher, Anne
Fisher, Frances Owens, Arthur Cracuin, Mick and Ena Webb, Marie and Jack Druett, Nancy Dane, Noel Plumb,
Winnie Elliott, Yvonne Hoare, Selby William (BILL) Burgess, Perry McCormack, Pat McCormack, Val Elliott, Pam
Lee, Andrezy Bobrowski, Anable, Craciu and Coffey Family deceased, Margaret Clark, Pauline Bowen, Terry
Thistleton, Jan Collins, Jessie Falk, Max McGaw, Gerry Doodman

Prayers: Damien Gleeson, Leslie King, Sue Harris, Karla Zalapa, John Lizzio, Ruth Read, Merrilyn St Aude,
Bridget Flannery, Sean Lucas, Justin Cauduro, Gavin McKenzie,