



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

21 MAY 2017

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia.)

1. 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.**

2. '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.**

3. 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.**



4. 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 for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that 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.



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PRAY FOR US

Parish Secretary

Linda Roberts
Parish Office
Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 8am & 10am
Tue - Sat: 9am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy:
3rd Sunday of the
Month 10am Mass

Filipino Mass:

1st Sun 11:30am

Indian Mass:

4th Sun 5pm

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano: Il gruppo di
preghiera Italiano, si
raduna ogni giovedì alle
ore 10 nella sala
parrocchiale.

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 4:45pm or any time
by appointment

Baptism

4th Sun 11.15am
(by appointment)

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

Devotions

Every Friday Adoration
3-4pm

Rosary & Benediction

Sat after 9am Mass

Elsa George Rosary Group

Second Saturday of every
month at 2.30pm
9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

2017 Sacramental Program information can be found at
the rear of the Church OR **download** from the
Sacramental Weebly site at:

<https://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/> OR email to
Kathryn at: sacramentsspcdh@gmail.com

Due to the length and timing of the Program it is
important that Candidates attend all class lessons and
Masses. Make up classes are not able to be provided.

OVERVIEW - CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

**INFO & ENROLMENT Evening was held on WED 3 MAY. If
you have not enrolled and wish to be apart of this
Sacrament Program, please **urgently** contact Kathryn by
email as soon as possible as Enrolments have now
closed. Thank you.**

CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- MAY 21, 28 & 4 JUN in the
Parish Hall and Parish Church.

Mass (compulsory), either- Sunday 8am or 10am.

CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP UMBERS, SUNDAY JUN 18 AT 2PM

OVERVIEW - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT- WED 2 AUG, 6pm in
the Parish Hall.

CLASSES at 9am SUNDAYS- AUG 6, 13, 20, 27, SEP 3 &
SAT SEP 9 (Rehearsal) in the Parish Hall and Parish
Church.

Mass (compulsory), either- Sunday 8am or 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MASS 1 - 10TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

MASS 2 - 17TH SEPTEMBER - 10am - SUNDAY

Mass dates have been allocated. Please check your
emails and contact Kathryn if any further queries.

Sacrament information is updated regularly. Please
check your emails, access the Weebly link provided
above or contact Kathryn by email. Thank you.

PARISH/SCHOOL HALL HIRE

The Hall is for hire. Please ring the office during office
hours 9558 3257.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Rian on 0402 135 637.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Assistance provided by SVDP Conference in April: Homes
visited 9, food cards \$760, other assistance clothing and
furniture, storage \$400. Our next meeting will be 16/05 &
30/05/2017 at 7pm.

Volunteers Needed - Do you know anyone who might
be able to help us? Contact Filomena on 0413844943
or just come long and meet us for our meetings.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National
Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to
significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary
MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through
Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18
November 2017.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares,
accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and
meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure,
please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or
Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at

MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

CATHOLIC CARE:

Supporting Families Week 2017. CatholicCare services
assist families to live and thrive. We provide disability
services, counselling and support for children, young
people and families. If you or your family are
struggling, call us to find out how we help. To find out
more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or
visit www.catholiccare.org.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

HALL ROCKDALE (Entrance on the right side of the
gate of the church) Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Speakers
are RON MALDIGRI a well known Lay Evangelist with
powerful gift of Prophecy. BRIAN WELSH a Lay
Evangelist with powerful gift of Preaching. Saturday,
27 May 2017 from 9.00am-5.00pm Morning and
afternoon tea and lunch SERVED FREE. Booking is
essential for catering purposes Please contact for
booking: Helen Aldana: 02 8964 7034/0433 455 114
or Ilda Krisnadi 0416 464 221. Sponsored by Jesus Light
of the World Communities Rockdale NSW. Email:
jlowpcom@gmail.com or www.jlowcom.org.

ST SCHOLASTICAS COLLEGE

Glebe Point is holding its annual re-union at the College
on Sunday, **28 May 2017** commencing with Mass in the
Chapel at 12 noon followed by a light lunch.

All ex-students are warmly invited to attend. For
further information please contact Karen Debenham
(Gillespie) on (02) 9460 4462 or 0419 999 084 or email
karendebenham@optusnet.com.au.



ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018

Enrolment packs are still available to collect from the School Office or you can download from School website – www.stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old before 31 July 2018 please contact the office to set up an enrolment appointment.

School Principal Ms Frances Stewart

With St Paul of the Cross we pray ... For the sick

Sonia
Rodolfo Estrada
Domenic Capello
Marlowe Jacutin
Sonny Martinez
Annette Rodriguez
Onofrio Ferraro
Salvatore Ferraro
Lolita A Japtan,
Felisa C Hao
Antonio Pizzinga
Betty Jackson
Nolene Conn
Anna Pezzuto
Lucia Ferraro
Lee Tilliam

Death Anniversary

Antonina Cavallaro
Armida Paraiso

For the Souls of

Nadim Sara
Micheal Sara
Nazira Sara
Fr. Anthony Sara
Youssef Sara
Elias Sara
Hana Sara
Concetina Trovato
Maria Rosa Travia
Veneranda Trovato
Rosaria Trovato
Domenic Beyrouthi
Camile Lattouf
Marie Lattouf
John-Louis M Roberts
Giuseppe Nicotina
Vincenza Panarello Nicotina
Carmelo Nicotina
Frank Nicotina
Paolo Nicotina
Rita Nicotina Gorga
Santina Santoro
Pietro Santoro
Bartolo Natoli
Maria Moschella
Monica Moschella
Nick Frisina
Souls of the unborn children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

L & J Nicotina
Lorenzo

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Margaret Portell

Ph: 9559 1730

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Christina Du

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Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness that I have to announce to you I will be leaving this parish very soon, in fact on the 14th June next month. I have been asked to take my priesthood ministry to St Joseph's Enfield Parish. Bishop Richard will be the Parish Priest of this parish and Father John Ssemaganda will be his assistant. There will be a farewell Mass on 11th June, and morning tea in the hall afterwards, please bring a plate to share for this occasion. The parish secretary Linda will also be coming with me to Enfield parish.

Meanwhile we are blessed by the presence Our Lady of Fatima this Saturday. How wonderful to have her here with us, Mary who loves us so much, came down from the comfort of heaven to comfort three little children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco and later on to approximately 30,000 to 50,000 locals! I thank the Alliance of the Holy Family International for bringing Mary to us.

Fr. Kim

POPE BENEDICT XVI Daily Readings - "Breakfast with Benedict"

CONFIDING IN MARY

At noon, when the first hours of the day are already beginning to weigh us down with fatigue, our availability and our generosity are renewed by the contemplation of Mary's "yes". This clear and unreserved "yes" is rooted in the mystery of Mary's freedom,...completely separated from any complicity with sin, thanks to the privilege of her Immaculate Conception. This privilege given to Mary, which sets her apart from our common condition, does not distance her from us, but on the contrary, it brings her closer. While sin divides, separating us from one another, Mary's purity makes her infinitely close to our hearts, attentive to each of us and desirous of our true good. You see it here in Lourdes, as in all Marian shrines; immense crowds come thronging to Mary's feet to entrust to her their most intimate thoughts, their most heartfelt wishes. That which many, either because of embarrassment or modesty, do not confide to their nearest and dearest, they confide to her who is all pure, to her Immaculate Heart—with simplicity, without frills, in truth.....The Virgin Mary's maternal love disarms all pride; it renders man capable of seeing himself as he is, and it inspires in him the desire to be converted so as to give glory to God.

Angelus, September 145, 2008.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 28 MAY 2017

Acolyte: 5:30pm Ricardo
8am Andre
10am Philip

Readers: 5:30pm S Draysey & P Allport
8am P Tan & M Portell
10am J Duru & C Du

Music: 8am Sri & Choir
10am Beauti & Choir

Cleaning: Joseph & Chinne Duru

Laundry: D Cremona

Environment: Volunteer

Counters: R Lazarus, D Outen, M Portell

HAIL HOLY QUEEN PRAYER

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of

tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us oh holy mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. 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 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

LOVE RECEIVED, LOVE SHARED

Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical *Deus caritas est* ('God is love') points to the heart and reason for every reality – LOVE. Love is the primal image of God and the resulting image of humankind and its dignity.

The heart of divine revelation and of the Christian message is one and the same: LOVE – the love of God gratuitously given to us, and the love directed to human beings in response to that love. This is emphasised in Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, of which today's Gospel reading is part. In this very intimate moment, Jesus gives his commandment: 'As I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples' (Jn 13:34-35). Love is the mark of Jesus' discipleship, and ours.

Pope Benedict explains the truth about God's love: 'God has loved us first and he continues to do so; we, too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has loved us first, love can also blossom as a response within us.'

In giving his commandment of love, Jesus promises a gift which will make this loving possible, namely the Holy Spirit who will act as comforter, guide, teacher, and defender. Love, ultimately, is the work of the Trinity: the Father shows his love by sending his Son, Jesus. The Spirit will teach the disciples of the sacrificing love of Christ, and empower them to respond to that gratuitous love by loving one another as Christ has loved them.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP