

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices for inclusion are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wednesday for publication the following Sunday.

Services Each Month:

7.30am every Sunday - Eucharist:

9.30am 1st Sunday - Communion

9.30am 2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer

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9.30am 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday – Morning Prayer

Readings for 16th May 2021:

Acts 1.15-17, 1.21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

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Office hours – the office is currently open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12noon.

Low gluten wafers are available.

Please indicate to the priest if you want low gluten wafers.

Morning Tea - A reminder: the new Covid rule requires anyone handling food or drink (tea, coffee etc) to have completed a TAFE food handling (Covid) course – Dining in (sitting).

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.00pm in the Nathaniel Dawes Hall. Please note this is the 2nd Mon in May - the date has been brought forward by one week as Dean Melusi will be away on church matters on the 3rd Mon.

Bubbles and Bowties, it's Show Time! - Friday 4 June

Dig out your finery and bowties, and let's get dressed up for a night out at our next social night on Friday 4 June, starting at 7pm. It's time to share in the food, trivia, music and fun of the carnivals, and great shows from theatres and venues around the world.

Why not invite some friends, come along, reminisce, and have a good laugh. Step up, step up, every player wins a prize! \$15 entry covers meal and fun, with drinks on sale, and a raffle.

For catering purposes please let us know by 30 May if you will be coming along.

Pew Reflection:

We are exhorted by the Psalmist today to *sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things*. If you were to examine your life what things would you describe as marvellous ones that God has done for you? What about in your parish? In our city? In Australia? We're reminded to look for the blessings in our lives.

☺ Sunday Smile:

Why are there so many elderly people in Church? They're cramming for the final.

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 9 MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A very warm welcome is extended to all of you today. If you are new to the cathedral or visiting us please make yourself known to us.

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16

Collect

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

Church in Australia: Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn

CQ Diocese: Special Ministry District of Gracemere

People in the Parish and Beyond: CQ Men's organisations in the Parishes. The Church's relationship with media. The Uniting Church. Those living under dictatorships.

Our partner Diocese – PNG: Kumusi Archdeaconary – Asigi, Dikowari, Korisata, Kikinoda

Those known to us:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Carmel, Ray, Phillip, Lorraine, Amy and family.

In Memoriam: Henry Beak, Russell Larsen, Neville Comollatti.

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

9 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading - Acts 10.44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:

for he has done marvellous things;

² His right hand and his holy arm:

they have got him the victory.

³ The Lord has made known his salvation:

he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel:

and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:

break into singing and make melody.

⁶ Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:

upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

⁷ With trumpets and with horns:

cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

⁸ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

the good earth and those who live upon it.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands:

and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth:

he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

2nd Reading – 1 John 5.1-12

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his

commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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Gospel – John 15. 9-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 15, reading from verse 9 to 17.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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Why Go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote:

“I’ve gone for 30 years now and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

Pentecost

