

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2020

"We are all in this together!"

We have heard this jingle quite a lot in reference to the coronavirus and the restrictions we have been experiencing as we fight the coronavirus and work hard to prevent it spreading more than it already has.

During the past few weeks of isolation and home schooling each morning Fr. Andrew has been joining our school children on their Google app reassuring them that they are not alone, "we're all in it together" supporting and helping one another.

I, on my part, have made a number of 2-3 minute videos that were 'beamed' into the homes of the children in our parish school, and parents who might be watching, to let them know that God is with us, He does not abandon us in these difficult times; to let them know that with Him, "we're all in this together!"

At the same time, a number of parishioners have been ringing some of our elderly parishioners and some of our school families, inquiring as to how they are going and whether there is anything we could do for them— another example of "we're all in this together!"

In all of the above we, parishioners, teachers and children have been living the commandment of Jesus that we are reminded of in today's Gospel— to love one another as he loves us, showing through our caring for one another that God does not abandon us, he does not leave us orphans. He gives us the gift of Himself—coming to us in and through the love, concern and care we have for one another.

Today we are invited to let the truth of Jesus' Word, the truth of his love, enfold us— letting us know that his love knows no bounds. Together with Him "we're all in this together!"

Blessings

Fr. Andrew and Fr. Tony

PS. As the coronavirus restrictions are slowly lifted; may we continue to care for one another respecting "safe distancing" and maintain regular washing of our hands.



Celebrate Laudato Si' Week with Pope Francis. 16-24 May
Visit the [Laudato Si' website](#)
Use the [discussion guide](#)
[Join Global Prayer](#) Sunday 12 noon 24th May 12noon

To our much loved Parish Priest Fr Tony
Our Blessings and Thanks for your dedication to your vocation and our Parish, on your
46th Ordination Anniversary on Monday 18th May 2020



* SUNDAY ONLINE MASS *

will be available via our Parish Webpage
www.stmonicasparrish.com.au

Every Sunday by 10.30am for parishioners to participate in their homes.

Sunday Liturgy @ Home;

Please click on each link below to find guided reflection for 6th Sunday of Easter.

[For Adults:](#) **[For Families with Young Children:](#)**

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Barbara Burby; Stella Mammone; Gino Salva

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Sarina Gioffre
May they rest in peace

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love,
let us pray for repose of the souls of
Peter Mc Mahon; Michele Vorpasso

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. — *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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.)

'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.)

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.)

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 from me. (R.)

SECOND READING (1 Peter 3:15-18)

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

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. — *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL (John 14:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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. — *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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.

