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Sixth Sunday of Easter: 4th/5th May, 2024 (Year B)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A friend of mine, an older lady whom I have known since I was ordained, often asks me what I am preaching about on a given weekend. And if I happen to say that I am preaching about love, she'll come back at me with 'You priests...you're always talking about love...'

Even if you have not listened particularly carefully to the readings which have just been proclaimed, you should still be able to pick up that love features very heavily in these readings. Nine times is it mentioned in the Gospel, and nine times in the second reading.

Central to this treatise on love are the words of Jesus in the Gospel: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Like some of the scriptural readings we have heard during this season of Easter, it sounds like an unreal and impossible request. First it was the early Christian living in harmony and sharing all that they had in common. Now, we must love others as Jesus has loved us. But we ask the question, 'How do I do this?...I don't even like some people, how on earth am I meant to love them?' Jesus never asks us to do something without showing us the way to do it. How does he show us the way?

The second reading today reminds us that God is love. So, to go about loving as Jesus did, we must remember, first and foremost, that God is the source of love. Next, we are called to keep the commandments. Now, is this keeping a set of laws, or living by the rule of the Gospel? No, the commandment of the Gospel is the commandment to love. And if it is still unclear, Jesus gives one more example: 'You can have no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends.' More of this unreal Easter stuff? Sounds like it, doesn't it? Until we remember that Jesus did exactly that – gave up his life for those he loved – his friends. And that is precisely what we are now because Jesus did lay down his life for us. His friends. Friendship implies equality. Through his death and resurrection, we are brought into a new relationship with Jesus. As friends. We are no longer servants.

This relationship of friends, however, carries with it an obligation. Because we are now friends of the Master – because we know his business – we have a mission. And our mission – should we choose to accept it – is to go and bear fruit – to pass the Good News of Salvation on to others. For to claim the name Christian, is to be a missionary. To proclaim this good news of salvation to others. I

don't know whether any of you have seen the slogan WWJD. I think it comes from some of the Protestant Pentecostal-type Churches in America, and can be found on jewellery, on bookmarks, coffee mugs, probably even on boxer shorts. WWJD stands for 'What Would Jesus Do.' I suppose the idea behind this slogan is a good one: by having the letters WWJD in front of our eyes all the time, it is a reminder of being a Christian. But I think people who have WWJD jewellery, coffee mugs etc have missed the point. In some senses, it is no good asking what would Jesus do. Because Jesus is not here. We are. In this season of Easter, we are reminded of our Baptism. We are baptised into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We are called to be the Christ in the world today. So, it is no good asking 'What Would Jesus Do?' We know what he did. The question is what will we do? And Jesus has given us the answer: 'love one another as I have loved you.'

As followers of the Risen Christ, let us pray that we may ever be opened to the power of God's love by loving others as God has loved us.

Doran, Anthony. "Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-5. https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/pastoral-liturgy/vol54/iss2/20

Readings for Mass this Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

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

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

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

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 Reading: John 15:9-17

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

Readings for Next Week

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

He made Jesus to sit at his right had in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Meetings

Thursday, 16th May - Care and Concern

@10:00am, Parish Centre

Wednesday, 15th May - Multi-cultural Day committee meeting

@6:00pm, Parish Office

Sunday, 30th June - Country Church Community meeting

@ 10:30am, Mercy Hall

Social events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's

Sunday, 26th May - Multi-cultural Day 2024

Saturday, 1st June - Annual Feast Day celebrations

@ Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek 12:30pm-4:30pm

Request for help - Mowing Cemetery

We are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the Gleneagle cemetery. At present, two volunteers are doing it by

themselves, and require assistance. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you!

Money Counting

7th May- Trish 20th May- Colleen 13th May- Trish 27th May-Peter

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters:

Michael Johns, Josie Buffalino, Lynne Hiley, Liz Murray, Michael Bown, Rylee Matheson, Brian Fechner, Jennifer Kerruish, Michael Gough, Joan Badman, Moya Mitchell, Andrew Gough, Greg Dennis, Tony Grace, Maria Malcotti, Tony Torre, Ann Nisbet, Gordon McGrath, Katrina Foster, Judith Van Kretschmar, Gizella Andrews, Jean Masen, Jay Cahill, Alexander Paterson, Brendan Ward, Lucas Johns, Peter Sorensen, Jason Bown, Debrah Sanft, Michelle & Neil Halpin, Sandra Doyle, Jim Morley, Colin McMahon, Jenny Kettle, Marie Holding, Susan Meyer, Hope Hartley, Benjamin Hartley, Lance Dodds, Christine Connolly, Gizella Laurence, and Lauraine Ward.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died

Kevin Cahill, 26th March. Funeral; 10am, Tuesday 7th May at Sacred Heart Church, Christmas Creek

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kathleen Ward- 4th May

Eternal rest grant on to them and let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord! May they rest in peace, Amen.

Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek – Annual Feast Day Celebrations Saturday, June 1st

Kettle on the boil from 12:30pm. Come and join us for a bite to eat, and a chat before the 4:30pm mass!

St John the Baptist, Tamborine Mt

Commissioning of lay readers and Extraordinary Communion Ministers - Sunday, 12th May

Baptism and Confirmation - Sunday, 19th May

Date change

Morning tea after mass has been changed to Sunday, May 19th (previously May 15th)

Rite of Election

This Sunday Darcy Laycock and Elizabeth Jones, who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church will gather with their godparents, catechists, and families for the Rite of Election. At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect', declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

Please remember to keep them in your prayers.



Multi-cultural Day 2024

Save the Date: Sunday 26th May 2024 Committee Meetings- April 24th & May 15th, 6pm @ Parish Office. All welcome!

You're Invited! - 150th Year Celebrations

On May 17th, you are invited to attend St Stephen's Cathedral's 150 year anniversary celebrations. You can attend a celebratory mass at the cathedral at 12:30pm, or join us at St Mary's, Beaudesert, during the 8:50am school mass.

May Rosary Prayer Sessions

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honour Mother Mary. Join the Catholic Mission online as they unite in faith and mission, offering our prayers with the global Catholic Community.

When: Monday to Friday during May

Time: 2pm

Zoom Meeting: https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer

Meeting ID: 893 8789 2280

Password: 876574

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are currently enrolling Catholic children in Year 3 and above for the sacrament of <u>Confirmation</u>. The celebration of this sacrament will be on Sunday May 19th, 9:30am, at St Mary's, Beaudesert.

Please keep in your prayers the children enrolling for the sacrament of Confirmation and attending the preparation masses this weekend.

Confirmation lessons (in a classroom at St Mary's Primary School):

Lesson 3, Thursday, May 9th, 4:00pm Lesson 4 Tuesday, May 14th, 4:00pm

All children preparing to receive Confirmation must attend these lessons.

Any questions please contact the Parish Office on 5541 1068.



<u>Archdiocese of Brisbane Events - Cathedral of St Stephen</u>

This year marks two significant milestones for our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St Stephen on May 17th, and the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Archbishop Mark Coleridge on May 18th. We will have celebrations across that weekend for both



FRIDAY MAY 17

Return of the Message Stick & Commemoration of 150th Anniversary 12:30pm Mass

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving 6pm

SATURDAY MAY 18

Archbishop Mark Coleridge Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination 11:30am Mass

Pentecost Vigil Mass
"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"

6pm Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday Celebrating 150 Years 10:30am Mass

NDIS Q&A Session—Jubilee Park 16/05/2024

Do you have / need an NDIS plan? Or have questions about budgets and funding? Come and talk to *Your Unique Support Services*.

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Request for help—Church photography

Do you have a photo/s of any significant event that has taken place in one of our nine churches, that could be used on our website? These can include wedding photos, baptisms, confirmation, etc.

If you would like to share any images you've taken please email them to the parish office on stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au
Thank you!



Happy Birthday!

Please join together in wishing Fr Kevin happy birthday on Sunday 5th May.

May God continue to bless his journey each and every day.

Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

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Mass Times:6th May - 12th May 2024

<u>Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm—3.15pm—St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.</u>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	Beaudesert 7.00am	School Mass 8.50am	Kerry 4:30am	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Canungra 9am
						Beaudesert 9.30am 5:30pm (Family

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: evangelisation of our parish and wider communities; liturgy and prayer opportunities that form, inform and transform our faith; pastoral support through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and leadership that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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