

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 97)

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord has revealed to nations his saving power.

**RESPONSE:** The Lord has revealed to nations his saving power.

**LECTOR:** Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**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!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

**NEXT WEEK** (Ascension of the Lord, Year B) Acts: 1:1-11; Ps 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23 or 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20

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### Figuring out Families

The teenage brain is an interesting topic of discussion as most parents would agree. Author, parenting expert and CEO of Win Win Parenting, Rosina McAlpine says teens tend to be socially and emotionally immature during their teenage years. This podcast provides a fascinating insight into the teenage brain and despite what many teenagers believe, parents are not trying to curb their fun. Rosina says it's all about love and connection. Go to [majellan.media/parenting-sessions/](http://majellan.media/parenting-sessions/)

Happy Mother's Day to all mums! You are indeed special

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## Jesus' generous love



9 May 2021 6th Sunday Easter Year B

What constitutes a Christian community? What makes it authentic? St John's gospel tries to answer these questions. Jesus uses a simple agricultural image – a vine and its branches – to illustrate his teaching on community.

Just as branches on a vine derive their life and fruitfulness by being attached to the vine, so do Christians live by being in union with God and produce godly fruit. God's inner life in the trinity is one of union in mutual love. This union spills over to creation. We and all of creation are the fruit of this love. Jesus, in today's gospel passage develops the practical consequences of being branches attached to the vine. Jesus insists that his followers are to imitate this loving inner life of the Trinity. We are to love one another as fully and freely as God loves us. Moreover, we are instructed to use this love to benefit society. It is by performing acts of love that distinguishes us as true disciples of Jesus.

Many years ago, I heard a priest tell a story that has stuck in my memory. He spoke of a pumpkin farmer who was inspecting his harvest in the early stages of the crop's growth. Near the edge of the crop, he found a large glass jar that had been abandoned by a passer-by. On a whim, he placed a small pumpkin inside the jar while being careful not to damage its attachment to the vine.

Months later, the crop was ready to harvest. The farmer rediscovered the plant he had placed in the jar. The pumpkin filled all the space in the jar but it was miniature compared to the rest of the pumpkins in the crop. It was unable to grow beyond the confines of its glass prison.

In the gospel, Jesus reminds us that his love for us is a love that is unfettered. He gives himself totally to us. He loves us to death. He regards each of his disciples as his intimate friend. He regards this friendship as reciprocal. He expects us to love him in return and to love one another in the same unfettered way he loves us. Regrettably, we often behave like the pumpkin in the glass jar.

We remain connected to the vine, but we allow external circumstances and the cares of life to constrict our growth in love.

Jesus' generous love for us both inspires and calls us to allow love to grow to full maturity in us. It asks us to put aside any obstacle that chokes the expression of God's love. It tells us that Christian community is the place where unrestrained love is given, received and put into practice.

We are his chosen friends but only if we do what he commands us: to love one another without reserve.

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**WEEK START SUN MAY 9, 2021**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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**Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;**  
**Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am**  
**Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;**  
**Tues & Fri ~ 9am**



**MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9AM**  
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Coming up in 2021... **May**

- 9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- 9 Mother's Day
- 16 The Ascension of the Lord
- 16 World Communications Day
- 16 – 23 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 17 – 23 National Volunteers Week
- 21 Prayer for Christian Unity
- 23 Pentecost Sunday
- 24 Our Lady Help of Christians (Solemnity)
- 26 National Sorry Day
- 27 – June 3 National Reconciliation Week
- 30 The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)

*Message from Archbishop...* There is much that's been troubling about this time of pandemic. But one of the most troubling things is the increased levels of abuse & violence in homes. I guess the reason for this is that, because of lockdown, people have been homebound more than in other times. Another reason may be the general stress levels that have come with COVID-19. Whatever the reasons, something has to be done to address the problem of domestic violence. For a very long time, domestic violence has been like sexual abuse; it was largely hidden & wasn't talked about. There was a widely shared attitude of "What happens in the home stays in the home". But in more recent times, domestic violence, like sexual abuse, has come into the open, & that's a very good thing. We hear the shocking stories, & we begin to understand that this is a problem in the whole of society, not just in the home. It's a plague that goes to the heart of the society we are & want to be. The Church is doing all it can to identify the problem, understand it and respond to it. But in the end the whole community has to say, "Enough! No more!"...and then begin to tackle the deep dark roots of domestic violence. ##

***Watch Fr Tom Elich's homily video now.* It is only love which can overcome the barriers of illness & death, separation & estrangement. Love conquers all.**

**\$4 May monthly issue available foyer & features:**  
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**BOYS AND GIRLS Night Out**  
**Wed June 9, Easts Leagues**

**The 'Norm from April 15, 2021'**

- ♦ **Stay home if unwell; Masks optional**
- ♦ **Sign In & Sanitise your hands**
- ♦ **Social Distancing (1person or family / 2m<sup>2</sup>)**
- ♦ **Sanitise your space with wipes on exit**
- ♦ **Only Priests to distribute Communion**
- ♦ **Sign of Peace spoken greeting only**
- ♦ **Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations**
- ♦ **Take newsletter home with you. No Hymn books**



**RECENTLY DECEASED: NOELA YOUNG, GEORGE D'ALLURA, PATRICK DUGGER, BROCK MILLER, BART GAFFNEY, LUCY HOUGHTON, DOMINIC VU**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elijah Macarius Felix, Salvatore Zappala  
**Special Intentions:** Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Loye Gardiner, Ray Garrigan, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Michael Mulcahy, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family



**Mass Attendance Count in May 2021:**

Every 5 yrs, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the ACBC asks for data on Mass attendance. Over the years this data has been very useful. Parishes & communities have been asked to undertake the customary count of attendance over 4 consecutive weekends in May. Thank you.

**Mass of Healing and Hope June 5, 9am**



**REFLECTION M JONCAS I HAVE LOVED YOU**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love  
 I have loved you and you are mine.  
 I have loved you with an everlasting love.  
 I have called you and you are mine.*

**V2** Seek the face of the Lord and long for him. He will bring you his joy and his hope

**RECESSIONAL T WATTS I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU**

**V1** I am here with you by your side, sheltering your heart from the night.  
**R/- Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you.**

**V2** Let me love the world through your heart. Let me heal your wounds with my touch.

**Bridge:** I will be your God, your comforter. I will hold you close in my heart.

**V3** et me see the world through your eyes. Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

**PROCESSIONAL J WISE SONG OF GATHERING**

**R/- Neither Greek, nor Jew, nor slave, nor free, neither woman, nor man, but children are we of the same God, the one Lord, the Father of all, let it be.**

**V1** From the four winds and the high seas, from the lowlands and the valleys we come to the table, to the Saviour, to the call.  
**V3** From the one cup and the one bread, at the one meal we are fed once more in the body, in the Spirit, in the dream.

**OFFERTORY C LANDRY ONLY A SHADOW**

**V1** The love we have for You O Lord is only a shadow of Your love for us. Only a shadow of your Love for us, Your deep abiding love.



**R/- Our lives are in Your hands. x2**  
**Our love for you will grow O Lord.**  
**Your light in us will shine.**

**MASS OF HOPE B FARRELL HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. x2*

**Mass of Hope B Farrell MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
 and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

**COMMUNION M HERRY FOR YOU ARE MY GOD**

**R/- For you are my God, you alone are my joy, defend me oh Lord.**

**V1** You give marvellous comrades to me; the faithful who dwell in your land.

Those who choose alien gods have chosen an alien band.

**V2** You are my portion and cup; it is you that I claim for my prize. your heritage is my delight, the lot you have given to me.

**V3** Glad are my heart and my soul; securely my body shall rest.

for you will not leave me for dead, nor leave your beloved astray.

**V4** You show me the path for my life; in your presence the fullness of joy.

to be at your right hand forever, for me would be happiness always.