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Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on
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MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

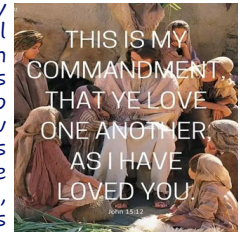
6th Sunday of Easter/B 5TH MAY 2024

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.



In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Fr Danai
Pastor

Thought of the Week

"Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him."

~ Saint James, APOSTLE

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

6TH Sunday of Easter

1st Reading	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
2nd Reading	1John 4:7-10
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Gospel	John 15:9-17
Next Weekend: The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Johnny Feraty, Zora, Deny Biordi, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depratro, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Mattias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Stefano Collu **Other deceased including:** Rocco Badolato, Teresa Dinan, Stephen Liem & Agatha Qui, Josephine Cassar, Emmanuel Attard, Joseph Fenech, Marija Bakic, Goran Bakic, Rade Hrkac, Pasqualino Verduci, Maria Marando, Teresa Catanzariti, Rodolfo Hernandez, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Manea, Joseph & Vincenza Debono, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Dittthavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giovanna Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

Other Intentions : Maria Bugge, Lubica



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Zlatan Zanatta, Maximus Vella & Kyla Perez who will be baptised this weekend.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2024

Sessions ongoing until the 8th June. The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Saturday, 15th June at 3pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.



Parish Diary



Monday 6th May	Wk1-1st Reconciliation 9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian)
Tuesday 7th May	9:10am Communion Service 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
Wednesday 8th May	9:10am Mass-Fr Nards 9:40am Rosary 3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary 7:00pm Choir
Thursday 9th May	9:10am Communion Service Followed by adoration for an hour.
Friday 10th May	St John de Avila 9:10am Mass MIPS K-Y6 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Praise & Worship—JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary—Disciples
Saturday 11th May	12:00pm Wedding of Robert & Alexia 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass —Carmelite Priest
Sunday 12th May	The Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day 8:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 9:00am Baptism 10:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 11:00am Filipino Mass 6:00pm Mass —Fr Dominic

Father Sebastian's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Last Sunday, a group of our parishioners went to the parish of All Hallows, Five Dock, to join Father Sebastian as he celebrated the Silver Anniversary of his Ordination. It was a wonderful Mass which highlighted faith, love, service and community.

We all pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen Father Sebastian as he continues to faithfully serve God's people.



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From the Liturgy Office...

HONOURING MARY in the MONTH OF MAY



As we continue to find ways to honour Mary, why not consider a field trip particularly dedicated to Mary. Pilgrims often journey to a Marian shrine and pray the rosary on the way. Once there, you can attend mass, take a tour, lay flowers at Mary's statue or image, visit a grotto or just enjoy Mary's presence in silence. Suggested places to visit include:

- ✦ **St Mary's Cathedral - St. Mary's Road, Sydney**
Our Mother Church was dedicated and named in honour of Mary. For information regarding Mass Times and events, please visit the site: <https://stmaryscathedral.org.au/>
- ✦ **Mount Schoenstatt - Mulgoa, NSW.**
The Schoenstatt Shrine is a place of grace and pilgrimage and is dedicated to Our Lady under the title, Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. Open daily: 7.00am - 8.00pm For further information about events: Email info@schoenstatt.org.au
- ✦ **The Shrine Of Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church - Penrose Park** All pilgrims are invited to join in the Novena to Our Lady of Mercy on the 1st Saturdays of each month. Open daily from 9am to 5pm. For further information: Email paulinefathers@bigpond.com.au Or visit the website www.paulinefathers.org

Also, please find Marian Prayer leaflets in the church next to the statue of Mary.

HELP NEEDED for PENTECOST

The upcoming **Feast of Pentecost** marks the end of the Easter Season. This year, we will once again begin our Pentecost celebrations in a special way. At the Vigil Mass, on Sat 18 May, the liturgy will be extended with additional readings, encouraging "urgent prayer, after the example of the apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit." (No. 107 of the Paschale Solemnitatis)

Therefore, **additional Ministers of the Word are needed** to assist. If you can help, please write your name and contact details on the clipboard in the foyer.

Also, for all masses, **everyone is invited to come dressed in RED** to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, we are asking for volunteers to help by **translating or by reading one the prayer of the faithful in their native language**. If you can help, please contact Rita Cordina asap on 96096087 or by Email liturgy@mibp.org.au Thank you and God bless.
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 MAY: For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Blessed Sacrament is in the church tabernacle. Catholics are asked to show reverence and adoration whenever passing in front of the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved. This is typically done by genuflecting, although if unable, a profound bow from the waist is acceptable.



Ascension of the Lord 11/12 May 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	Reconciliation Candidates & Catechists	R Sofia	S Andrijic	M Perrone
Minister of the Word		M Tran	J Baulman	R Ilagan
EMHC	F Di Marco J Habelreeh	A Froio G Kruk	L Labbozzetta P Redoblado T Baltero	M Oliveri M Laviste
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath	T Pham M Vargas	T Dacanay-Lo	A Perrone
Altar Servers	J,A& L Daly A Rai	I Sofia A Lapierre	M Franso R El Boustani O Andrijic	E&A Fleita L Menzagopian R Shlanki
Welcomers	A Tomic G Mignemi	I Gammoh	A Zappia	L Odish
Piety Stall	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 2 P&N Redoblado M Dandan	Altar Linen : A Fleming	Flowers : A Elbayeh M Nicholas	Cleaners : Filcos-Fairfield c/o A Amores	

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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