CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH
Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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OUR VISION - TO BE AN EXCITED, TRUE TO ITSELF, WELCOMING COMMUNITY, UNIFIED BY GOD'S LOVE -:- OUR MISSION - GO MAKE DISCIPLES EVERYWHERE

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

5th May 2024

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.

Christ Calling His First Disciples
Adam Brenner (1800–1891)
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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.

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Responsorial Psalm
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
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!

Readings for Next Week - Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
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 hand in heaven.
Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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MASSES & MEETINGS

Weekday Mass:
Tue, Wed & Fri - 9:00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Thu - 9:00am at Holy Family Church

Weekend Mass:
Sat - 6:00pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church
Sun - 8:00am at The Holy Family Church
Sun - 9:30am at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Reconciliation: Sat 5-5:30pm St Oliver Plunkett Church

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Welcoming Mass: 1st Sunday of the month at 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held after the 9:30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches - Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass at the Parish Hall

COMING UP...

12 MAY - SUN: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST, Seventh Sunday of Easter; Baptism (held after Mass)

14 MAY - TUE: Feast of St Matthias

15 MAY - WED: 6:00pm - Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

16 MAY - THU: 6.00pm - Connect Dinner

17 MAY - FRI: 5:30pm - Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

19 MAY - SAT: SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Baptism (held after Mass).

20 MAY - MON: Mary, Mother of the Church; Enrolments open for Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion

22 MAY - WED: 2024 Founder's Day Mass at Iona College. Saints Christopher Magallanes and companions.

26 MAY - SUN: Baptism (held after Mass).

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conf.
Fortnightly at 6:15pm
Next meeting: Monday, 13th May 2024
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUES: Parish Leadership Team
Fortnightly at 6:30pm
Next Meeting: Tuesday, 7th May 2024

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting
Next Meeting: Wed, 31st July at 4:45pm

THUR: Parish Finance Council Meeting
Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: Thursday, 16th May 2024

GOSPEL READING FOR 5TH MAY 2024 - JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 97: 1-4
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.
Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

"When man comes into contact with God, mere speech is not enough. Areas of his existence are awakened that spontaneously turn into song. Indeed, man's own being is insufficient for what he has to express, and so he invites the whole of creation to become a song with him."

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 5th May 2024 - 9 am

07/05 Tuesday: Tea Tree Gully
08/05 Wednesday: Dernancourt
09/05 Thursday: Chaplaincies
10/05 Friday: Eagle Vale
Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

PRIVACY: The privacy of all individuals with whom the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information. As part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we must abide by and adhere to the requirements in accordance with the *Australian Privacy Principles* in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act) and The Australian Privacy Principles 7*. The Policy is available at www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy, or on request.

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Judith Buckley, Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McInally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McInally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Clow

2024 FOUNDER'S DAY MASS AT IONA COLLEGE

IONA COLLEGE

Mr. Trevor Goodwin, Principal extends a warm invitation to you to attend the 2024 Founder's Day Mass which includes the Commissioning of Fr. Joe Antony OMI.

The Mass will be held on Wednesday 22 May at 8:50am in The Provence Centre with a morning tea to follow.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres throughout Australia this year. Attendance counts will be conducted over all four weekends of May.

Cannon Hill Parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. Our Safeguarding Representative is Ronda Vorrasi.
A copy of the Safeguarding Policy is situated in the foyer of the church.
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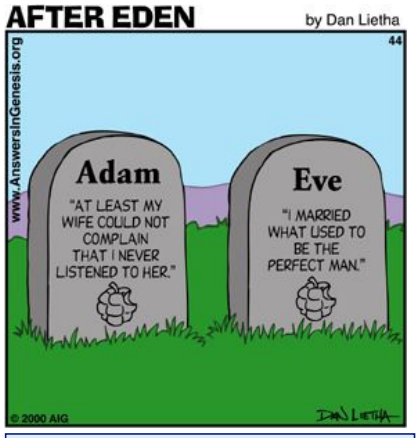

CATHOLIC QUIZ

Which country has the most Catholics?

A. Brazil
B. Mexico
C. United States of America
D. Italy

Answer: A. Brazil. Approx. 65% of the population are Catholics)

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Sachin Rasquinha, Paul Vorrasi, Briony Russell, Aaron Tippetts, Norma Martiri, Ronda Vorrasi

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From the moment the Oblates arrived in Fremantle in 1894, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Australia. They dedicate themselves to serving the poor in parishes, schools, prisons, among the youth and with those on the streets. The Oblates preach Christ to the poor and the most abandoned and have served them in Australia for more than 100 years.
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DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

We deeply appreciate your generosity, which plays a vital role in our community's welfare. Your donations directly support our ministries and impacts the lives of those we serve. To contribute, you can donate via our website (simply scan the QR Code), utilise the Tap & Go facility in the foyer, use the planned giving envelopes or consider leaving a Bequest. For further information, please call the Parish Office. Thank you sincerely for your support!

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

On June 2nd, over 4000 Catholics will join the *Feast of Corpus Christi* to make a public testimony of faith by walking in a solemn walk with our Lord, Jesus. The Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane CBD will be led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

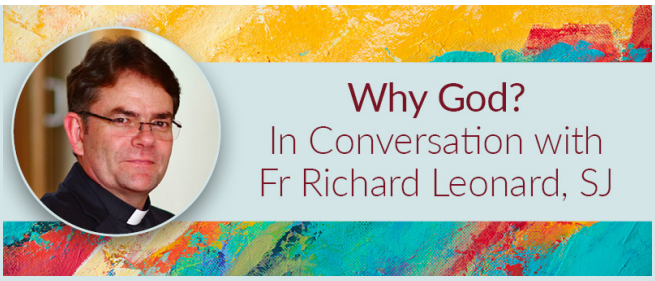
Please add parish/community prayer intentions in the Corpus Christi booklet provided in the church foyer. The booklet will be brought to the feet of our Lord, by representatives for Cannon Hill Parish, at the end of the procession in the Cathedral of St Stephen on the Procession Day on 2nd June 2024

"For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink"
(John 6:55)

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** study by Jeff Cavins in the week starting the 3rd of June with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, and will run for 8 weeks.

Through the fourteen narrative books of the Bible, this foundational study traces Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Louise Simento on 0456 700 040.



Join us for an inspiring conversation with Fr Richard Leonard, SJ and David Halliday, Editor of Eureka Street as they explore insights into the way God works through people – and often – through unexpected places and events.

In his latest book ***Why God? Stories to Inspire Faith***, Richard provides personal and engaging stories surrounding Church, Liturgy and Sacraments, Faith, and Spirituality. These true stories speak of the power of God working in creation and through the unlikely individuals and places that we discover God's transforming love.

Tuesday: **7th May** via Zoom
Time: 7:00 pm (AEST)
Cost: FREE
https://tinyurl.com/323jmyhu

MEDIA CORNER

"Music opens our hearts to experience God's love and moves us to new depths of devotion."

The Vigil Project is not one band, but several that have come together to create "a multimedia resource for deep prayer and authentic encounter with God produced by a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers. A seven-part series video of live-recorded songs and reflections is culminated by an invitation for the Church to "keep watch and pray" for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. "
Check out their website for more information about this great initiative: *www.thevigilproject.com*

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