



*Please pray for:* Frank & Alice May Purcell (deceased)

**Mass Times: Sunday 10th May 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Sunday, 10 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 10 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 11 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Monday – 5th Week of Easter
Tuesday, 12 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Sts Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras (O)
Wednesday, 13 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Our Lady of Fatima (Optional)
Thursday, 14 May	<b>No Mass</b>	St Matthias, apostle (Feast)
Friday, 15 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Friday – 5th Week of Easter
Saturday, 16 May	<b>No Mass</b>	Saturday – 5th Week of Easter

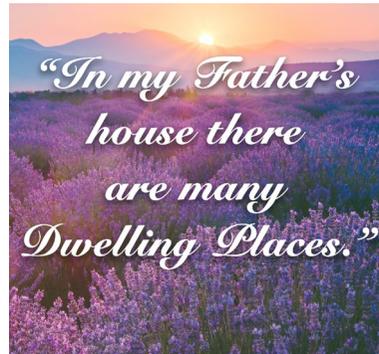
**Regular Confession Times:**

Monday to Friday: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm (before 12.35 pm Mass)  
Sunday: 5.30 pm (before 6.00 pm Mass) (*Not available at this time*)

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A VOCATION VIEW: 'A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.' – *Cardinal Gaspard Mermillod – Swiss Cardinal of the nineteenth century*

**Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage** – the Archdiocese is an official sponsor of this *virtual* free pilgrimage which runs until we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 31st May. The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost. Each Wednesday & Sunday, formative videos will be released for registered participants to engage in online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of the week with particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world. To register, simply go to – [www.pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com) – and enter your details to receive a link to the videos, as released.

**Theology on Tap – to mark the bicentenary of pioneering priest in Australia** – the Chaplaincy of the University of Notre Dame Australia is hosting a Facebook Live talk and Q&A – '*Archpriest, John Therry: a Meddling Priest?*' on the bicentenary of Fr Therry and fellow priest, Fr Philip Conolly's arrival as the first official Catholic priests in NSW. The guest speaker will be Fr Conn O Maoldhomhnaigh, President of Carlow College in Ireland, the same university college that Fr Therry attended. Auxiliary Bishop, Richard Umbers will introduce Fr Conn to the group. Tune into the online talk via the Theology on Tap Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Theology-on-Tap-127369587336998/> – at 6:30pm on Monday 11th May.

**Blue Cornflower Day – MND Week** – each year in May, the Motor Neurone Association of Australia holds *MND Week*, its annual fundraiser to help raise much needed funds for research into MND and to assist those living with Motor Neurone Disease, through practical support. This year, it has not been possible for volunteers to head out and fundraise in the community on Blue Cornflower Day (8th May) but anyone who would like to support the MND Association can do so by donating or purchasing merchandise online. Here are the MND NSW website details – <https://www.online.mndnsw.asn.au/> – **the Blue Cornflower is a symbol of hope for Motor Neurone Disease because it is a hardy flower!**

**Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St James' Parish, Glebe – 5pm**

**Sunday Mass is now being celebrated by the Dominican community and streamed from St James' Parish in Glebe (Forest Lodge) at 5pm each Sunday. Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter (10th May 2020) – <https://youtu.be/r8CKb5kmt8E>**

**Sunday Mass** – is also televised by **Channel Ten**, every Sunday at **6am** – this service is called '*Mass for you at Home*' – it is not known which church in Australia the Mass will be televised from and may vary each week.

**Saints Nereus and Achilleus** – a church honouring these two saints was constructed in Rome in the sixth century. Although we know little about them, tradition holds that Nereus and Achilleus were recently baptised soldiers who died courageously for Christ, around 304. Their heroic witness inspires us as we live our faith amid the challenges of the modern world.

**Saint Pancras** – Pancras (or Pancratius) suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Diocletian, perhaps at the same time as Nereus and Achilleus. A boy of only fourteen years, Pancras courageously sacrificed his young life for Jesus Christ. Similar to Agnes, he has been an inspiration to youthful followers of Christ through the centuries.

**Our Lady of Fatima** – in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children, Lucia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. Mary gave them messages centering on conversion, repentance and prayer. Our Lady asked people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, and to honour her Immaculate Heart through the devotion of the five first Saturdays.

**Saint Matthias** – according to the Acts of the Apostles, Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot among the Twelve. His selection by lot, following a time of prayer, indicates the desire of the apostles that the replacement for Judas be chosen by the Lord and not themselves. There are no further references to Matthias in the New Testament. Various traditions suggest that he preached in Judea, Cappadocia and Ethiopia, before enduring martyrdom.



# Happy Mother's Day!



I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am  
going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you  
are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus  
said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except  
through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have  
seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and  
then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with  
you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and  
you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?  
Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from  
myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing  
this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for  
no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## 'IT IS BETTER THAN I GO AWAY ...'

Today's Gospel comes from the long  
instruction that Jesus, according to the  
Fourth Gospel, gives to his disciples at the  
Last Supper. He reflects upon his return to  
the Father and what his absence will mean for  
the disciples.

Jesus' 'departure' seems to operate on two  
levels. The setting of the supper on the night  
before he dies makes it natural to understand  
'going away' as a reference to his imminent  
departure in death; his 'coming back', then,  
would refer to his appearance on the third day  
as risen Lord.

At another level, however, Jesus addresses a  
more permanent 'going away' when, following  
his appearances to the disciples as risen Lord,  
he finally ascends to the Father (see John  
20:17). From this perspective, his 'coming  
back' would refer to his return at the end of  
time.

At this level the instruction Jesus gives does  
not bear upon the short space between Good  
Friday and Easter, but upon the indefinite  
'time of the Church' that will follow.

During this time—which remains our time—the  
disciples will not enjoy his physical presence.  
But Jesus insists that it will be a better time  
in fact. His death on the cross will defeat the  
grip of sin and death upon the human race,  
and open up for us the gift of eternal life.

Jesus is 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life'  
in the sense that his death supremely reveals  
the 'truth' about God (that God is love) and  
opens up the 'way' to human sharing in God's  
(eternal) 'life'.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and  
wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples  
was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint  
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution  
their own widows were being overlooked. So  
the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples  
and addressed them, 'It would not be right for  
us to neglect the word of God so as to give out  
food; you, brothers, must select from among  
yourselves seven men of good reputation,  
filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will  
hand over this duty to them, and continue to  
devote ourselves to prayer and to the service  
of the word.' The whole assembly approved of  
this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full  
of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with  
Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,  
and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.  
They presented these to the apostles, who  
prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread:  
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly  
increased, and a large group of priests made  
their submission to the faith.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place  
our trust in you. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; /  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give thanks  
to the Lord upon the harp, / with a ten-stringed  
lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and all  
his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice  
and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /  
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue  
their souls from death, / to keep them alive in  
famine. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men  
but chosen by God and precious to him; set  
yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy  
priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices  
which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to  
God, may be living stones making a spiritual  
house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion  
a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and  
the man who rests his trust on it will not be  
disappointed. That means that for you who are  
believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the  
stone rejected by the builders has proved to be  
the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to  
bring men down. They stumble over it because  
they do not believe in the word; it was the fate  
in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing  
the praises of God who called you out of the  
darkness into his wonderful light.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the  
truth and the life, says the Lord; / no one  
comes to the Father, except through me. /  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.**

*I am the way, the truth and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you  
a place,