



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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

9 May 2021

First Reading

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

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

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

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

2. The Lord has made known his
salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. 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.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

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

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.		

Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget		10.30am			5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am	9.15am	9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am			5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am
First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am						

The government QR coding is now compulsory. Please check in with the QR code provided each time you attend any of affiliated churches. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted, and so that Mass may still start on time.

We Remember: We remember in our prayers Maria DeMarte, Maria Grazia Capito, Veronica L'Yola Hendroff, Hamilton Terrance Hendroff and Rosario Vizzari whose anniversaries occur at this time; may they rejoice in the presence of our Risen Lord.



Global Pandemic Rosary Marathon: Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to devote May in praying for the relief in suffering from the global effects of COVID. Broadcast live on Sunday May 16, from the Gregorian Chapel of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will lead the Rosary which will be available at 6pm Rome time (2am AEST) on all Vatican media platforms. Together with the Holy Rosary, every day of the month is characterised by a prayer intention for people most affected by the plight of the pandemic.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MUMS



Happy Mothers Day to all the mums of our parish community. May your day be filled with joy, love and laughter.

We Pray: We pray for Aiden, Anna, Celeste, Leo, Mackenzie, Nikki and Tyler who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion next Saturday and Sunday. May the Lord be with you always to guide you in all your ways!.

Annual Mass Count: The annual Mass count continues this week and will be taking place during the first four Sundays of May at all Masses.

Back by Popular Demand – We propose to commence Tea and Coffee after Mass on the first Sunday of each month only commencing June. However, this is dependent on the number of volunteers available and willing to serve the morning tea. Under current guidelines two people are required to serve the refreshments. Self-service is not permitted. If you want to assist please advise the parish office on greythorn@cam.org.au so that rosters can be prepared.

Lecture: On Monday May 17, 2021 the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host an online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on “Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration”.

Registration is essential by May 13 on centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au. Cost is \$10 or concession for pensioners/students. From 10-11.30am. A Zoom code will be provided on registration.

Rosters for May 15 & 16 May

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
<i>Lectors</i>	B Shepherd	A Mariadason
<i>Minister of Holy Communion</i>	M Stewart	M Stewart
<i>Communion to the Sick</i>	J Hocking A Pender	

NOTE: Ministers distributing Communion at Mass and visiting the sick at home must wear masks whilst doing so, and must sanitise their hands before and after administering the Sacrament.

Chaplaincy Appeal: Next weekend at all Masses we will conduct the annual Chaplaincy Appeal for the Archdiocese. The Chaplains visit many Victorians each year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence to the lonely. Envelopes will be available for your generous support.

Stewardship Giving: For those wishing to contribute to Stewardship or Priests' collection by direct deposit, the Parish account details are listed below for electronic funds transfer.

1 st Collection - Account name: St Bridget's Presbytery Account BSB: 083 347 Account no. 64 341 5066 (For support of the Parish Priest)

2 nd Collection Account name: Bridget's Church Account BSB: 083 347 Account no. 64 341 3829 (Stewardship envelopes).

Catholic Theological College: CTC presents a series of short sessions online, via Zoom **Engaging Your Faith.** Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11th to 31st May. Booking, payment & more information on: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/