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Sixth Sunday of Easter 5th May, 2024

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

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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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 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.

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 John 4:7-10 A reading from the first letter of St John *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: John 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: John 15:9-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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.'

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WEEKDAY MASS

Week 6th - 12th May

Tuesday
St Francis de Sales No Mass

Wednesday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

Thursday
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 8.00am

Friday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 9.00am

NEXT WEEKEND:

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

Saturday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.30pm

Sunday
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 7.00am
Reconciliation: - Before Weekend Mass
Regular Mass times: -

Holy Rosary Marian

Every Wednesday 6pm
(Healing Mass 2nd Wednesday of the month)
Every Friday 9am
Every Saturday 6pm

Immaculate Conception, Mirani

Every Thursday 8am
(Healing Mass 1st Thursday of the month)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 7am

St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton

2nd Tuesday of the month 8am (Healing Mass)
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month 7am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mt Charlton

2nd Sunday of the month, 4pm.

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Second Collection this weekend 5/5 Peter's Pence (Holy Fathers)

CWL Meeting on Friday 17th May after 9.00am Mass.

MARIAN MARKETS SUNDAY 19th MAY, 8 am until 12 noon. Please come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle & delicious homemade goodies for morning tea while you browse the stalls. This will help support our Parish finances.



Thank you to everyone who donated the purchase of a new Thurible for the Mirani Church.

Also thank you for all the donations that are coming in for the upgrade to the Sound System at Holy Rosary.

CWL Farleigh is hosting a Mother's Day Mass at St Brigid's Catholic Church, on Wednesday 8th May at 9.30am. All are very welcome to attend. Raffle to be drawn after Mass.

Please Pray For:

The Sick: Jim Scriha, Earl Neilsen, Eric O'Neill, Kacey Sanfilippo, Charlie Axiak, Joseph Agius, Nancy Curran, John Fordyce, Matt O'Neill,

The Recently Deceased: (2024)

Denis Casey,

Anniversaries that occur at this time: (Dates are in front of names)

Remembrance Mass that have been requested: Jan Webb, Michael Sarich, Stuart Sarich, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Angie Caruana, Annie Scriha, Dale Axiak, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin.

Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.

Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. Envelopes & Forms for Mass Stipends are in each Church or ask at the Office. Thank you.

You are invited to **Mackay's** Celebration Of Bishop Michael McCarthy's 10th Anniversary as Bishop of Rockhampton and welcome to His Excellency Archbishop Charles Balvo Apostolic Nuncio to Australia
Where: St Patrick's Hall River St, Mackay
When: Friday 31st May 2024
RSVP: Friday 24th May 2024
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The people of the Diocese are invited to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Most Reverend Michael McCarthy Bishop of Rockhampton

Wednesday, 29th May 2024 5.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,

St Joseph's Cathedral

*followed by a formal reception**

**RSVP required - Ph 4887 3070 or <https://forms.office.com/t/8u41nHROAA>*



The Mass of Thanksgiving will be streamed live on: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

Online Youth Group for Year 8-12 This term the diocese is offering an online youth group for anyone in years 8-12. We will be going through 'The Search Begins' video series which is tailored for teens wanting to explore the big questions like what is the meaning of life? And is God real? We will meet over Zoom on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15pm to 5:30pm starting May 7th and finishing on June 18th. For more info and to register scan the QR code.



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44 Victoria St
Mirani*



*St Francis de Sales
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