

West Tamar Catholic Parish



Riverside



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No Masses or Liturgies
until further notice

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A, 10th May 2020

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading 1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood

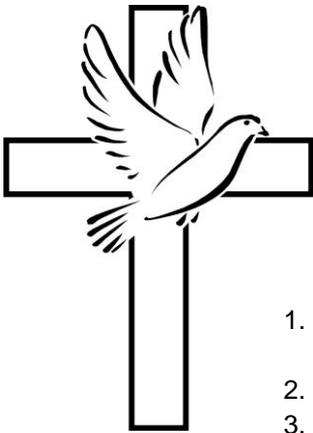
I am the way, the truth, and the life

Next Week

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pet 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21



*We need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth,
and the Life:*

We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service. We accept Jesus the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. We share the Divine life of God through making use of the means Jesus has established in his Church:

1. by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; (Except in this time of Covid-19)
2. by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments;
3. by the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God;
4. by allowing the Holy Spirit living in the Church and within us to guide and strengthen us; and
5. by communicating with God the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers.

Source: <https://www.cbci.in/SundayReflectionsNew.aspx?type=text>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe



Thank God for Mother's Love

~Anon

There is no love, like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on...
through many generations, with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given, and the strength from up above.



The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

All: Repeat

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 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Cantor: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

All: Alleluia! ...

From the Holy Gospel according to John

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, 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

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

May - Feast Days this Week:

10 St Damien of Moloka'i

11 St Ignatius

12 Sts Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras

13 Our Lady of Fatima

14 St Matthias, Apostle

15 St Isidore

Feast day of the Week – Saint Isidore

Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

Many implications can be found in a simple labourer achieving sainthood: Physical labour has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. Legends about angel helpers and mysterious oxen indicate that his work was not neglected and his duties did not go unfulfilled. Perhaps the truth which emerges is this: If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. "[S]eek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness," said the carpenter from Nazareth, "and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

Please continue to support the Parish

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Thank you so much for you love and understanding at this very difficult time for all of us. Continue to pray that God will protect us all as we support each other with love, generosity and compassion.



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Kapaun’s Men Virtue Series program



The Office of Life, Marriage & Family will be hosting (using the Zoom platform) a 7-week Kapaun’s Men Virtue Series program. Each Thursday night session (8-9pm) will involve prayer, an inspirational video and a time for group discussion. The Kapuan’s Men Virtue Program is based on the teaching and witness of Servant of God, Father Emil Kapaun. He was a heroic Catholic priest and Army chaplain who spent his life in service to his fellow men on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea. All men of the Archdiocese of Hobart are invited to be part of this program to be inspired by each other and by the life of a future saint. In 2013, he was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honour that was presented by President Obama in recognition of his heroic example and authentic masculinity.

Contact Ben Smith on ben.smith@aohtas.org.au to register or for more information. To find out more about Kapuan's Men check out: <https://www.kapaunsmen.com>. The dates for the sessions will be May 7, 14, 21, 28 & June 4, 11 & 18.

We offer prayers for family and friends whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alexander Lohrey, Corrie Schouten, Truus Beumer, Anthony Midson, Anthony Cornelius, Mary Aherne, Alida Moolenschot, Don Mace, Brian Walters, Joan Bonner, Iris Simmons, Mollie White, Francesco Zampogna, Lucas U, David U, Cho Aye Arthur Bligh, Fr Dan Neylon ofm, Agnes Smallbane and Theresa Juri.

We offer prays for family and friends who are unwell:

Andrea and Grey, Samantha Holloway, Wayne Spaulding, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McLnerney, Adelynde, Jenny Bruni, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, Jo Moore, William Gordon, Nancy Fraser, Lyn Elliott, Maria Janson, Neil, Jim O’Connell, Patricia & John McLnerney, Alex Lyall, Fr Tom Chapman, Brenda Hall, Ray Porter, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Nettie Burke, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, Pat Duffy, Maureen Symons, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Murray Jones, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Fr Richard Ross, Trevor Peters, Claire, N. MacLaine, Max Jamieson and
all patients in St Vincent’s, St Luke’s & General Hospitals

We offer prayers for our whole Parish community

Please let the Parish Office know if you have recovered.

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