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**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:** Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm. The Church is open every day from 7am to 6pm.

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**BAPTISM ENQUIRIES:** Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Presenters needed, except in the school holidays.

**COLUMBA CARE:** Convenor Shaun Maton [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au)

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**RECONCILIATION or CONFESSION:** Saturday 11:30am – 12pm.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST, PRE CONFIRMATION,**

**CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION:** Contact Catechist Helen on 0401 329 479 or email

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*Rejoice, Queen of heaven, **Alleluia**. For He whom you were privileged to bear, **Alleluia**. Has risen as he said, **Alleluia**. Pray for us to God, **Alleluia**. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, **Alleluia**. For the Lord has risen indeed, **Alleluia**. Let us pray: **O God, who has given joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that through the prayers of His Virgin Mother Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses for the faithful departed offered; Vigil Mass today for parishioners; Helen Byers Henderson, Requiem Mass celebrated on Friday; Giuseppe Musca, uncle of Roseanne Musca, parish councillor, Requiem Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:15am.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Gerard Coyte now receiving chemotherapy, father of Anthony. David Hernandez and Howard Tennent, both seriously sick. John and Sue Catling, Monsignor visited them in the nursing home with the Sacraments on Tuesday. On Friday after the Requiem Mass, Sue Catling called to say John was dying. Even though Monsignor had been on Tuesday, he prayed to his guardian angel to keep him alive until he reached there. John was heavily sedated and with his son Mark and a niece who is a nurse by his bedside. The Anointing of the Sick and Prayers of Commendation and the Papal indulgence blessing at the hour of death. Please keep them and all of the sick in our parish, in your prayers.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER:** During the 9:30am Mass. We are currently seeking further volunteers including husbands and wives, young married couples or others whose children may assist them.

**ENROLLING FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & FOR THOSE WHO DO ATTEND CATHOLIC COLLEGES.** Please contact our Parish Coordinator Helen directly by phone / text on 0401 329 479 to discuss and enrol.

**BAPTISMS:** We pray for the parents and their children who are receiving with the saving water of Baptism for Scarlett Michaela Marsh, Savannah Mackenzie Marsh, George James Brine, Giuseppe Carmelo Princiotto, Benjamin Michael Brennan and Marie-Adeline Eolini and for their families, may the Holy Spirit guide them on their spiritual journey.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY (VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME) FRANCE (PARIS and LOURDES) SPAIN (SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELLA, Monastery of Bishop Salvado) PORTUGAL (LISBON and FATIMA):** Flying home from Granada, Spain. Monsignor is spiritual assistant if 16 more Pilgrims join from July 4-22 2023. Fully inclusive cost \$6,600. Please contact Jenny John by email: [come2holylnd@gmail.com](mailto:come2holylnd@gmail.com) or phone 0451 107 292



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** The Lord Jesus has "called us out of darkness into his wonderful light." We hear him do that very concretely in the Gospel today. He reassures us with these words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. Where I am you will be. I am the way, the truth, and the life. Whoever believes in me will do the works I do." This is the Word of God that "continued to spread" so that the number of disciples "increased daily." And this increase is what the risen Christ continues to offer the Church through the ministry of priests and deacons. "Come to him; let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BILLIE & FEDERICO MEDINA:** 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Mass, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SACRAMENTS:** Pentecost Vigil Mass, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of May, will host the Confirmation candidates. Please come to one of our alternative Masses to make way for them and their families. Holy Communion Mass, this weekend. We thank all those who changed their Mass time to make room for the candidates.

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS:** Today is First Holy Communion Sunday and welcome to the First Holy Communion candidates of the year 4 classes and the after-school prep children. The children are receiving Holy Communion for the first time. We welcome their parents and family, and we thank those parishioners who supported them and sponsored them as prayer sponsors. We thank the school choir, Maree Daws & Susanna Durston for the beautiful floral arrangement and for all parishioners who transferred from their usual Sunday Mass so that the First Communicants and their families could be accommodated. We thank the Year 4 teachers for placing the First Communion Banners on the school choir gallery front.



**MASS AT CONCORDE NURSING HOME:** Will be celebrated on Tuesday with Anointing of the Sick. Afterwards, Monsignor has been invited to celebrate Mass for the Catholic residents of Aegis Balmoral, including Barry and June Curthoys. Thankfully, June has returned there from hospital. Monsignor will then take the sacraments to Ursula and John Herne.

**MORNING CUPPA:** Please join us in the Parish Centre following the 9:30am Mass.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 325-329*

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

**Psalms:** 32 **Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading:** First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** 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** according to John 14:1-12

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth. The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 329-333*

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

**Psalms:** 65 **Response:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Second Reading:** First Letter of St Peter 3:15-18

**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!

**Gospel** according to John 14:15-21

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter First Holy Communion Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

## PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE:

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zaravantysia → , intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of our mercy in their times of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Proclaim the Good News. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News of Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God's always with us to help us. — St Paul's Missal.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:** Wednesday: St John de Avila; Thursday: St Damien of Molokai, Hawaii; Friday: Our Lady of Fatima.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Will be available soon.



**ALTAR SOCIETY RETIRING COLLECTION:** Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. The Parish recently paid for the Sacred Heart statue and outside the chipped finger of St Bernadette, outside in the Grotto, costing \$280.00



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** One way of approaching the Easter season is to imagine a great tree that thrusts its roots deep down in the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upwards and outwards. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under the earth and fuel the visible growth of the tree. The Gospel readings for the next few Sundays, taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples in the Gospel of John, invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there that Jesus makes his home in us; it is there that the Paraclete teaches us all wisdom. As our faith is fed from deep within, the stronger is our desire to let love loose in the world.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to three Portuguese shepherd children on this date in 1917. Europe was in the grip of the First World War, which would claim an astounding 20 million lives. Only eight days before the apparition, Pope Benedict XV had begged the Blessed Mother to intercede for the war's end. During her appearances, Mary predicted the devastation of World War II and the grave threat posed by Communist Russia. Her message to the children and the world: reform your lives and do penance for your sins. Pray the rosary everyday. **FEAST DAY:** 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY

