

# **Sacred Heart Parish**

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year C- 25th May 2025

Parish Priest: Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

Assistant Priest: Fr John Pham

Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday

9. 00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary: Quyen Le Phan Accounts: Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

Weekday Mass Times: English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7.00am

Wed: **6.30pm** Sat: **9.00am** 

Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm Wed: 7.00am

Weekend Masses English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am; 6.00pm

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil: (Chaplain): 7.30pm Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm (Chaplain): 4.00pm

**Exposition:** 

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Phone: 9723 3704

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Baptism & Wedding

By appointment (6 months in advance for weddings)

# Keep His Word, Love One Another, and Be at Peace



As we journey through the Easter season toward the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Church invites us to dwell on Jesus' final discourse with His disciples. These are his parting words and his sacred testament. In this moment, Jesus offers not lofty theological treatises, but three simple, profound imperatives: Keep my word; love one another; do not let your hearts be troubled.

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus says. To love Christ is to take his teachings into every activity of our daily lives. His word is not just information. It is formation. It guides, corrects, consoles, and challenges. Like the wise man who builds his house on rock, the one who listens and lives by God's word stands firm amid the storms of life. This word is alive in the hearts of the saints, who bore witness through joyful obedience and humble service. The Blessed Virgin Mary, who pondered the mysteries of her Son in her heart, models this interior fidelity for us.

"Love one another," Jesus continues. Love is the essence of the Christian identity. Jesus did not just preach love. He lived it to the fullest. From the washing of the disciples' feet to the sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus embodies a love that serves and saves. That is to say, his command to love is not sentimental or superficial, but a call to serve, forgive, and embrace each other as brothers and sisters. When we truly love, we make Christ visible in our world. Sadly, when love is reduced to mere slogans or lost in division and self-interest, the Church's witness is weakened. That is why we are reminded today to renew the "Gospel of love" in action.

Lastly, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you... Do not let your hearts be troubled." In a world so often marked by fear and restlessness, this invitation is deeply comforting. Here, he promises us the Holy Spirit - the Advocate - who remains with the Church forever, teaching and reminding us of all Christ has said. This peace is not the absence of conflict, but the deep assurance that we are never alone. Like the apostles, we trust that the Spirit is with us: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..."

Let us, therefore, hold fast to these sacred parting words of our Lord. In keeping his word, loving one another, and trusting in his peace, we already begin to taste the joy of the heavenly Jerusalem here on earth.

Fr. John Pham

### Pope's May prayer intention



For working conditions
Let us pray that through work,
each person might find fulfillment,
families might be sustained in
dignity, and that society might be
humanized.

#### Thank you CWF APPEAL

We are deeply grateful for your generous response to our CHARITABLE WORK FUND APPEAL. Your contribution not only provides essential aid but also helps sustain the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities, and families, your donation is making the world a more loving and compassionate place.

# Thank you Mary-Quyen is back

While Quyen was away for her studies, Mary Pankiw swapped her usual Friday workday for Wednesday. Many thanks to Mary and to each of you for your support and loving care. Quyen will be back in the office next week from Tuesday to Friday, and Mary will be in on Friday for the accounts.

# **Parish Coming Events**

Thursday, 29 May 2025: Biggest Morning Tea Friday, 30 May 2025: Finance Committee Meeting.

**Sunday, 01 June: RCIA closure** – Newly baptised adults will gather at 10.00 am Mass and 7.30pm Mass to celebrate the end of their Initiation process and to be sent forth on the journey as disciples of Christ.

## Welcome to God's Family

This weekend we pray and welcome to our baby and her family for her baptism:



**Monica TRAN** 

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



#### Fr. Remy - Annually Leave

After next Sunday, Fr. Remy will be on leave to visit his family in Vietnam. We wish him a wonderful time—may he find rest, renewal, and joy. We thank God for the gift of his ministry in our parish and pray that he has a joyful break and safe travels.

Please keep him and Fr. John in your prayers while Fr. Remy is away. He will return to join us for the 90th Anniversary celebration of Sacred Heart School.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025**

Our children are participating the second week of the First Holy Communion Lessons. Please keep our children, catechists, helpers and parents in your prayers.

Retreat day: Saturday 28 June from 9.00am-1.00pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 29 June at 1.00pm.

# CHƯƠNG TRÌNH RƯỚC LỄ LẦN ĐẦU – 2025

# Lớp học bắt đầu - Thánh Lễ Tuyên Hứa:

Các con em chúng ta tham dự bài thứ hai trong chương trình Rước Lễ Lần Đầu cuối tuần này. Xin quý vị cầu nguyện cho các con em, các giảng viên giáo lý, và các phụ huynh.

Ngày Tĩnh Tâm: Thứ Bảy 28/06/2025 từ 9g sáng đến 1g00 trưa. Thánh Lễ Lãnh Nhận Bí Tích Thánh Thể Lần Đầu Chúa Nhật 29/06/2025 lúc 1g 00chiều

# Free English Program

A free\* tailored program for Refugee and Migrant Parents and Family members to enable increased participation in your school and community. This program will include specific skills development such as: Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital skills development for school communication...

For further information please contact Salina Pham's email:

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#### **Mass Intentions**

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Suong Nguyen, Christopher Lynch, Giuse

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Maria Tran Thi Hien, Tran Minh Sang, Maria Tran Thi Hong, Maria (13), Joseph (6), Peter (5), Luke, John, Joakim, Thomas, Dominic (2), Teresa, Anna (2)Francis Borgia, Cecilia, Maria Madalena,

souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (3), for all souls (8), Gioan Baotixita, Phanxico Xavie, Anna Tam Tan, Tam Niem, Tam Kim, GioanKim, Mica, Lucia, Vincente, Anton, Giacobe, unborn babies, Anton, Phaolo Nguyen Van Tam, Phero Ta Hoang Anh, Anna, Francis, Giuse Truong Minh Hoang, Monica Huynh Thi Hien Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Ivan Puskas, Paul Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc, Fr Dominic Nguyen Van Doi, Fr Francis Xavier Nguyen Hung Oanh, Francis Xavier Maria, Dominic Nguyen Huu Khue, Peter Nguyen Quang Be, Mathew Nguyen, Anna Tran, Joseph Truong, Monica Huynh, Giuse Vu Thanh Phuc, Maria Pham Thi Tuyet Minh, Giuse Vu Duy Quang

Other Intentions: For the sick (2), for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (5), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (3), for safe travel, for healing & recovery (2), for stable work (2), for personal intention (2), anniversaries for Ada Verhovc, Corrado Verhovc, for the sick Maria Tran T. Ty

# Celebrating the Feast of our Lady, Mary Help of Christians

# Patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate (24 May)

Almighty God, deepen our hearts Mary Help of Christians. our love of Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

(In 1844, Australia was the first nation to choose our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title of Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. So was our St Mary's Cathedral – Sydney.)

### The words of the Popes

"Peace be with you" (v. 21). By then it was obvious that it was not only a greeting. It was a gift, the gift that the Risen One wants to offer his friends, but at the same time it is a consignment. This peace, which Christ purchased with his blood, is for them but also for all, the disciples must pass on to the whole world. (Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, 11 April 2012)

# Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

#### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds.

They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm: 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

# Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## 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 14:23-29

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

# Chúa Nhật VI Phục Sinh

Bài đọc 1: Cv 15, 1-2. 22-29

Trích sách Tông đô Công vụ.

Trong những ngày ấy, có mấy người từ Giuđêa đến dạy bảo các anh em rằng: "Nếu anh em không chịu cắt bì theo luật Môsê, thì không được cứu độ". Do đó, Phaolô và Barnaba đã tranh luận gắt gao với họ. Bấy giờ người ta quyết định là Phaolô, Barnaba và một ít người khác thuộc phe họ, lên Giêrusalem gặp các Tông đồ và niên trưởng, để xin giải quyết vấn đề này.

Bấy giờ các Tông đồ, kỳ lão, cùng toàn thể Hội thánh chấp thuận chọn ít người trong các ngài, và sai đi Antiôkia với Phaolô và Barnaba: đó là Giuđa, gọi là Barsaba, và Sila, những vị có uy thế giữa anh em. Các ngài nhờ tay hai ông chuyển bức thơ viết như sau:

"Anh em Tông đồ và kỳ lão chúng tôi kính chào các anh em thuộc dân ngoại ở Antiôkia, Syria và Cilicia. Chúng tôi nghe tin rằng có mấy người trong chúng tôi đã đến nói những lời gây hoang mang và làm cho tâm hồn anh em xao xuyến, chúng tôi không uỷ quyền cho họ, vì thế chúng tôi họp lại, đồng ý chọn một ít người và sai đến anh em làm một với Barnaba và Phaolô, những anh em yêu quý của chúng tôi, tức là những người đã liều mạng sống mình vì danh Đức Giêsu Kitô, Chúa chúng ta.

Vậy chúng tôi đã sai Giuđa và Sila đến nói miệng với anh em cũng chính những lời này: Thánh Thần và chúng tôi xét rằng không nên đặt thêm cho anh em gánh nặng nào khác ngoài mấy điều cần kíp này là anh em hãy kiêng đồ cúng thần, huyết, thịt thú chết ngạt và gian dâm; giữ mình khỏi các điều đó là anh em làm phải. Chúc anh em van an".

Đáp Ca: Tv 66, 2-3. 5-6 và 8

Đáp: Chư dân, hãy ca tụng Ngài, thân lạy Chúa, hết thảy chư dân hãy ca tụng Ngài (c. 4).

Bài đọc II: 21, 10-14. 22-23

Trích sách Khải Huyền của Thánh Gioan.

Thiên Thần đem tôi lên một núi cao chót vớt khi tôi ngất trí, và chỉ cho tôi thấy thành thánh Giêrusalem từ trời nơi Thiên Chúa mà xuống, chói lọi vinh quang Thiên Chúa. Ánh sáng của nó toả ra như đá quý, giống như ngọc thạch, óng ánh tựa pha lê. Thành có tường lũy cao lớn, trổ mười hai cổng, trên các cổng có mười hai thiên thần, và có khắc tên mười hai chi họ con cái Israel. Phía đông có ba cổng, phía bắc có ba cổng, Phía nam có ba cổng, và phía tây có ba cổng. Tường thành xây trên mười hai móng có khắc tên mười hai tông đồ của Con Chiên. Còn đền thờ, tôi không thấy có trong thành, vì Thiên Chúa toàn năng và Con Chiên là đền thờ của thành. Thành không cần mặt trời, mặt trăng chiếu soi: vì đã có vinh quang Thiên Chúa chiếu sáng nó, và đèn của nó chính là Con Chiên.

Alleluia: Ga 14, 23

Alleluia, alleluia! – Chúa phán: "Nếu ai yêu mến Thầy, thì sẽ giữ lời Thầy, và Cha Thầy sẽ yêu mến người ấy, và Chúng Ta sẽ đến và ở trong người ấy". – Alleluia.

PHÚC ÂM: Ga 14, 23-29

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan.

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ rằng: "Ai yêu mến Thầy, sẽ giữ lời Thầy, và Cha Thầy sẽ yêu mến người ấy, và Chúng Ta sẽ đến và ở trong người ấy. Kẻ không yêu mến Thầy, thì không giữ lời Thầy. Lời các con nghe, không phải là của Thầy, nhưng là của Cha, Đấng đã sai Thầy. Thầy đã nói với các con những điều này khi còn ở với các con. Nhưng Đấng Phù Trọ là Thánh Thần, mà Cha sẽ sai đến nhân danh Thầy, chính Người sẽ dạy các con mọi điều, và sẽ nhắc nhở cho các con tất cả những gì Thầy đã nói với các con. Thầy để lại bình an cho các con, Thầy ban bình an của Thầy cho các con. Thầy ban cho các con không như thế gian ban tặng. Lòng các con đừng xao xuyến và đừng sợ hãi. Các con đã nghe Thầy nói với các con rằng: Thầy đi, rồi Thầy trở lại với các con. Nếu các con yêu mến Thầy, thì các con hãy vui mừng vì Thầy về với Cha, bởi lẽ Cha trọng hơn Thầy. Giờ đây Thầy nói với các con trước khi việc xảy ra, để khi việc xảy ra, thì các con tin".