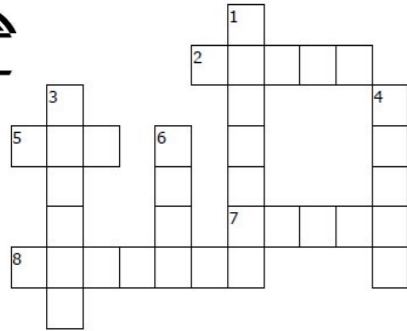


Our Lady of Lourdes
Children's Corner
Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 May 2020



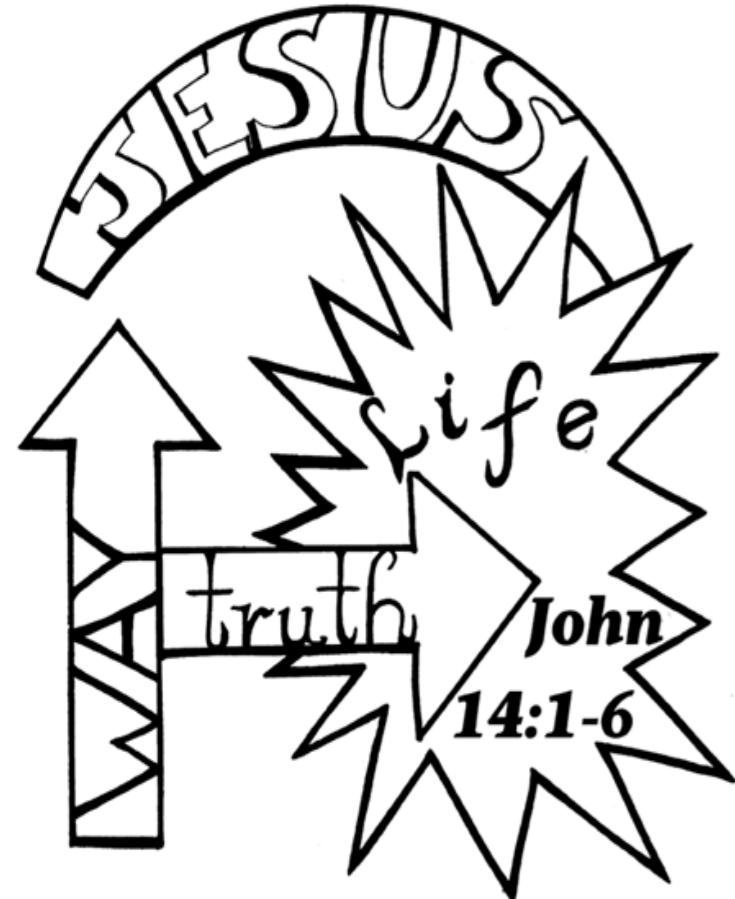
ACROSS

- The actual facts about something
- The route or path to follow to get to a place
- Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
- To accept something as being true

DOWN

- To get ready for something that will happen in the future
- The male parent
- A building in which people, usually one family, lives
- The period between birth and death

PREPARE	TRUTH	LIFE	HOUSE
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"I am the Way" John 14:1-14

John 14:1-14

Word Search Puzzle

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Decoder Puzzle

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HOUSE	WAY	PLACE	PREPARE	HEARTS
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"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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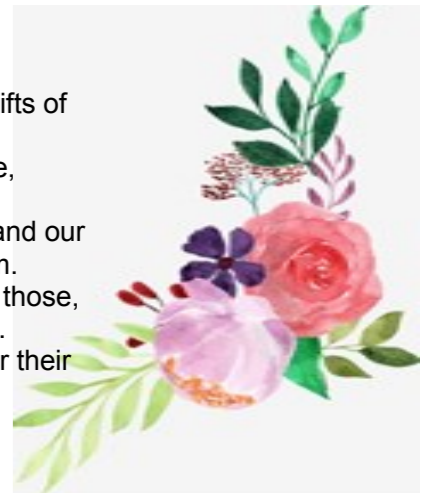
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MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Heavenly God, we give you praise and thanks for the gifts of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all mothers. We remember and celebrate today their loving care, and their endless love for us. May we show them by our prayers, our gifts, our words and our actions that we truly love them and care about them. We thank you for the family of the church, especially for those, who truly are mothers within our Christian families. May they know your blessing and strength, as they offer their tender care for others in their motherly call. Amen



Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Mark McGilligan, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: James Daly, Theresa Fernandes, Felix Weinman, Sunimal Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: Oliver Jordan, Alfred Borg, Cini Family, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Luis & Vivian Fernandes, VA Francis, Zoltan Gartner, Mangion family, Anton Motha, Paula Mula, Giustin Paludi, Lakshman Perera, Pauline & Santan Soares, Anthony Vassallo, Carmela Carbone.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Martina & Carmel Galea, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Roseline Ratnam, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Amalia & Dominga Usman, Martina Galea, Carmel Galea, Benna Xuereb

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 32

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

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.)



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.)

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 A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4-9

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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

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.'

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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Pope at audience on Earth Day: common action needed to protect "our garden-home,"

By Robin Gomes

Celebrating the 50th Earth Day on Tuesday, Pope Francis pointed out that the tragic coronavirus pandemic has taught us that we can overcome global challenges only by showing solidarity with one another and embracing the most vulnerable in our midst.

Biblical origins

The Pope, who dedicated his 2015 encyclical, "Laudato Si", to the care of the created world, noted that we are fashioned from the earth and that the fruit of the earth sustains our life. As the book of Genesis reminds us, we are not simply "earthly"; we also bear within us the 'breath of life' that comes from God. Thus, he said, we live in this common home as one human family in biodiversity with God's other creatures.

As the 'image of God', the Pope said, we are called to care for and respect all creatures, and to offer love and compassion to our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable among us, in imitation of God's love for us, manifested in his Son Jesus.

Selfishness

However, because of our selfishness, we have failed in our responsibility to be guardians and stewards of the earth. We have polluted and despoiled it, endangering our very lives. In this regard, the Pope expressed appreciation for the various international and local movements who are appealing to our consciences. Our children, he said, have taken to the streets to teach us that "we have no future if we destroy the very environment that sustains us".

"Gospel of Creation", "our garden-home"

By failing to care for "our garden-home", the earth, and our brothers and sisters, the Pope said, we have sinned against the earth, against our neighbours, and ultimately against the Creator. Hence, we need to look at our common home, the earth, in a new way, in order to restore a harmonious relationship with the earth and with the rest of humanity.

We should not regard the earth as a "storehouse of resources for us to exploit". For believers, the Pope said, the natural world is the "Gospel of Creation" as it expresses God's creative power in fashioning human life and bringing the world and all it contains into existence, in order to sustain humanity.

The Pope called on all to renew their sense of sacred respect for the earth, saying "is not just our home but also God's home", and that 'we stand on holy ground'.

In this regard, he held up the indigenous people as a model saying, "they teach us that we cannot heal the earth unless we love and respect it".

Ecological conversion and common action

The Holy Father said that an ecological conversion with concrete actions is needed in order to avert the threats to our common home. In this regard, he asked leaders to guide the preparations for two important international conferences: COP15 on Biodiversity in Kunming, China [October 2020], and COP26 on Climate Change in Glasgow, UK [November 2020].

At the local and national levels, the Pope encouraged the creation of a popular movement "from below", noting that the Earth Day was born this way. "We can each contribute in our own small way," he urged.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Chapter 7 Youth Ministry—a pastoral care that is synodal—Areas needing to be developed (continued)

Instead of “overwhelming young people with a body of rules that make Christianity seem reductive and moralistic, we are called to invest in their fearlessness and to train them to take up their responsibilities, in the sure knowledge that error, failure and crisis are experiences that can strengthen their humanity”.

The Synod called for the development of a youth ministry capable of being inclusive, with room for all kinds of young people, to show that we are a Church with open doors. Nor does one have to accept fully all the teachings of the Church to take part in certain of our activities for young people. It is enough to have an open mind towards all those who have the desire and willingness to be encountered by God’s revealed truth. Some of our pastoral activities can assume that a journey of faith has already begun, but we need a “popular” youth ministry that can open doors and make room for everyone, with their doubts and frustrations, their problems and their efforts to find themselves, their past errors, their experiences of sin and all their difficulties.

Room should also be made for “all those who have other visions of life, who belong to other religions or who distance themselves from religion altogether. All the young, without exception, are in God’s heart and thus in the Church’s heart. We recognize frankly that this statement on our lips does not always find real expression in our pastoral actions: often we remain closed in our environments, where their voice does not penetrate, or else we dedicate ourselves to less demanding and more enjoyable activities, suppressing that healthy pastoral restlessness that would urge us to move out from our supposed security. The Gospel also asks us to be daring, and we want to be so, without presumption and without proselytizing, testifying to the love of the Lord and stretching out our hands to all the young people in the world”.

Youth ministry, when it ceases to be elitist and is willing to be “popular”, is a process that is gradual, respectful, patient, hopeful, tireless and compassionate. The Synod proposed the example of the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35) as a model of what happens in youth ministry.

“Jesus walks with two disciples who did not grasp the meaning of all that happened to him, and are leaving Jerusalem and the community behind. Wanting to accompany them, he joins them on the way. He asks them questions and listens patiently to their version of events, and in this way he helps them recognize what they were experiencing. Then, with affection and power, he proclaims the word to them, leading them to interpret the events they had experienced in the light of the Scriptures. He accepts their invitation to stay with them as evening falls; he enters into their night. As they listen to him speak, their hearts burn within them and their minds are opened; they then recognize him in the breaking of the bread. They themselves choose to resume their journey at once in the opposite direction, to return to the community and to share the experience of their encounter with the risen Lord”.

Various manifestations of popular piety, especially pilgrimages, attract young people who do not readily feel at home in ecclesial structures, and represent a concrete sign of their trust in God. These ways of seeking God are seen particularly in young people who are poor, but also those in other sectors of society. They should not be looked down on, but encouraged and promoted. Popular piety “is a legitimate way of living the faith”[130] and “an expression of the spontaneous missionary activity of the People of God”.

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT— to the young and the entire people of God]



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Complaint seems to be a natural part of human nature, and no matter who we are, what we do and where we go, everyone appears to think that we have every right to complain.

Sometimes we made sensible complaints, which helped to improve our imperfect world, and sometimes we also made unreasonable complaints about matters beyond our control, such as the weather for instance, we can’t help to say, ‘Oh! it’s too hot, or too cold, wet, dry, humid,’ and so on.

Talking about reasonable complaints, we have an excellent example in the first reading the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday concerning the relationship between two groups of Christians in the Early Church.

According to the reading, there was some tensions between two cultural groups namely Jewish and Greek in the very early days of the Church due to the daily need of the Greek widows overlooked by the Apostles, who had been too busy with the spiritual aspect of their ministry.

In response to such a practical problem, the Apostles were quick and decisive in dealing with it. They immediately called for ‘a full meeting of the disciples’, probably equivalent of a synod of all bishops today, to address the situation, and came up with the proposal to choose seven good, wise and Spirit-filled men, who went through the rite, known to us today as the Diaconic Ordination, including prayers and the laying on of hands by the Apostles. The Apostles’ next step was to appoint the newly ordained ministers looking after the area of food distribution for the whole community.

Those seven men became the first ever deacons of the Church, and started the Diaconic tradition in the Church, which comprises two forms of deacons: permanent and transitional.

Interestingly, we can find in St Paul’s writing a very clear evidence about the service of a deaconess, whom he introduced in his letter to the Romans as ‘our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church of Cencreae.’ Paul also revealed that she was a benefactor of his and many others, asked the community to welcome and support her in her ministry (cf. Rom 16.1-2).

As we know, Pope Francis has entrusted a special committee to study the issue of women deacons, and we don’t know whether this committee has been up to at this stage. Let us pray that its findings will help the Church to discern this issue better, and then come up with an appropriate response to the need of our time, like the Apostles showed us in the first reading today.

Let us pray especially for Pope Francis and all the bishops in the Church, who are tasked with the call to serve us as Apostles of today’s Church, may they have the wisdom and courage to respond to the issues of our time swiftly and effectively as the Apostles have shown us in the past.

Have a grace-filled week.
Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...



RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION BOX TO PARISH OFFICE

Thanks to some relaxation of the lockdown introduced by the government to allow two adults to visit another household at the same time starting from Friday 01 May, 2020, I would like to encourage our parishioners to begin to bring Project Compassion box to our Parish Office between 10am – 2pm. I am looking forward to see you again for a catch-up.




Thanksgiving Offertory

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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