

**Catholic Parishes of
St. Andrew's Malabar & St. Agnes' Matraville**

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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

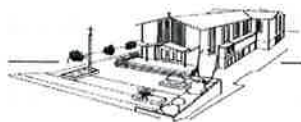
Weekday Masses: 9am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7.30am Tues, Wed, Fri

9am Thurs & Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. immediately after 9am Mass until 9.45am

School: 9311 1995

Resumption of Masses

We are now able to celebrate weekend Mass at both our parishes.

However, in keeping with Government regulations,
we are **limited to only ten people at each Mass.**

People will need to pre-book.

If you would like to attend Mass next weekend, please ring the parish office and leave your name & contact number. We will ring you back to let you know if you can attend.

Please do not just turn up if you have not been booked in .

Rosary in the Month of May

May is traditionally the 'month of Mary'

We will have **Rosary and Benediction 7pm on the next two Tuesday nights at Malabar**

We will be limited to ten people.

Please ring the parish office if you would like to attend.

We can, in solidarity with other parishioners, try to pray the rosary at the same time at 7pm on Tuesdays and hopefully frequently during May.

During this **Easter season** let us continue to deepen our Faith by spending some special time of prayer in our own homes.

You might think about setting up a special '**prayer space**' with a crucifix or a statue or Holy picture, a Bible or prayer book.

Please reflect on the Scripture readings on the other side of this bulletin.

www.stagnesmatraville.org.au www.standrewsmalabar.org.au

While you are unable to physically attend Mass, you might like to watch Mass on:

TV Channel 10 Sundays at 6am or online <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>.

Keep updated read **The Catholic Weekly** online at: www.catholicweekly.com.au

You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

Please make contact with other parishioners through phone calls, texts or emails.

Special thanks to those who are generously doing this.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus believes that sinners have a future not just a past.

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: All who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Brent Baker, Lily Sammut, Jim McFall, George Briffa, Andy Couch, Maud Stitt, Elizabeth Sinkovic, Antoni Depczynski, Shirley Murray, Brent Baker



During this time of pandemic, you are invited to unite with others by praying:

Prayer for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick;

We pray for all the sick at this time, especially those who may feel they have been sidelined due to the urgency around Covid-19. Through the intercession of Our Lady Health of the sick, may they receive the due attention they require and make a speedy recovery. Lord Jesus, heal them of their sickness. In your name we pray.

Please pray for health professionals, clergy and all those caring for the sick.

You are most welcome to contact Fr Laurie on 93112062

Financial Support

Sincere thanks to those who have continued their support through planned giving and to those who have made some special donations.

Our churches have been closed for 7 weekends now, which means we have sustained a loss of income. We do sincerely need your support to help the parish pay ongoing bills.

If you are in a position to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can either make a direct deposit into our bank account:

Matraville – St Agnes

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0496 5001

Malabar – St Andrew

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0428 5001

or place cash/cheque into an envelope and mark it 'for Malabar' or 'for Matraville' and for security, please place into brass slot beside front door of MALABAR Presbytery only.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

17 MAY 2020

'AT HOME' WITH GOD

In last week's Gospel Jesus reflected on two understandings of his 'going away' and 'return': first, his going away in death and his re-appearance three days later as risen Lord; second, his more final departure to the Father, to return only at the end of time. The section from Jesus' instruction that we hear today focuses upon that second, much longer period of absence.

As far as the non-believing world is concerned, Jesus will simply have ceased to exist. Believers, however, will continue to 'see' him with the eyes of faith and experience his presence in this way.

In loving him and keeping his commandments, they will participate in the mutual love that unites Father and Son, both of whom will 'make their home' within them. Though deprived of Jesus' physical presence, they and God will be mutually 'at home' in this sense.

In this connection Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' whom he will ask the Father to give. A 'paraclete' is someone who stands beside a person in time of difficulty, a supportive and encouraging presence. We might think, for example, of a highly respected person whom we might ask to go to court with us to act as a character witness. Though Jesus will no longer be physically present to carry out this role, the community will have 'another paraclete' in the shape of the Holy Spirit.

In the face of the world's hostility and doubt, the 'Spirit of truth' will offer reassurance that what they believe and seek to live by is the most profound truth.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia.)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his might. **R.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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