



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

As we come to the end of the Easter season, the readings focus on how the risen life of Jesus is being extended, as the church carries out its mission under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is not easy to live as disciples of Jesus in the modern world. It never was an easy thing. But for that reason Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit.

In our own lives as Christians we may face challenges, persecutions and transitions. Some may be as simple as bearing with a difficult or cranky child, but others (the death of a spouse, mental illness, addiction) may demand everything of us. In all that we encounter, we can hold on to Jesus' promise, "I will not leave you orphans." We know that we have an advocate who remains with us and an attentive parent who holds us close as we embrace a new reality.

We now are the ones who must proclaim the Christ to a world desperately in need of mercy and love. May we always be ready to give an explanation for our hope.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community	Jenny Douglas	Wed
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education	Daphne Peterson	Fri
4. Mission and Outreach.	Daphne Peterson	Thurs
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

Email: morparishplt@mn.catholic.org.au

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

PRIEST SUPERVISOR: Fr Geoff Mulhearn

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE: Fr Kevin Corrigan, Sacramental Priest

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Morisset Parish Bulletin Items: morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 5pm Wednesdays)

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

WEEKEND WORSHIP:

Mass will be live streamed this Sunday at 9.30am from Sacred Heart Cathedral. Share the link with family and friends, and let's gather online to pray as a community in these challenging times.

This will continue each week while the COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact the parish office and leave your details for Fr Kevin to contact you.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

We are endeavouring to keep in contact with our parish community with emails, the website and facebook.

If you are in contact with other members of our parish community preferably via the phone or web-based communication and they may like or may benefit from email contact from the parish please ask them to call the parish office.



REOPENING OF THE CHURCH/ PARISH SPACES

Following the announcement of the state government that restrictions will be eased in three stages, people have begun to ask about when the church will be open and when we can resume small gatherings for team meetings, prayer and liturgies.

We wanted to convey to all of you that we are continuing to work with our Parish teams, Toronto Parish, our Priests and with the Diocese about the timing and scope of any changes to our current situation. In these matters, the current consensus is that we proceed with caution and not move too quickly. We do not anticipate that we will be making any changes in the next few weeks.

We have tried to follow some simple guidelines at this time. Firstly, that what ever we do, it is achievable and sustainable. Secondly, if we can't make it available to everyone, we don't make it available to anyone. These haven't been easy decisions to make, but we've endeavoured to be fair and consistent in applying the decisions.

The information available to us keeps changing as we navigate these waters. Rest assured, we are listening to the community, to each other and to our leaders as we discern the way forward. If anyone wishes to discuss these matters in more detail, please don't hesitate to call the parish office. The Parish Leadership Team.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16 May 2020 @ 8:00 am – 24 May 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Laudato Si' Week celebrates the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. It is a great time to read the encyclical again, and to reflect on our next steps in responding to its message.

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2020 Go to <https://social-spirituality.net/pray/prayer-for-our-common-home/> for a presentation to help you pray for the grace to care for our common home. Under the settings you will find speaker's notes with process suggestions for using the presentation in group prayer.

LAUDATO SI' - CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

"Laudato Si' " means "We Praise You" and are the beginning words of Pope Francis' teaching on care for the environment This week coming is Laudato Si' week.

Vivienne Harr is a 16 year old from the United States. Vivienne has developed a website www.laudatotree.org to help drive her initiative , called "Laudato Tree". It is being launched on 10th May this year. It is her intention to help add to what is called Africa's "Great Green Wall" . Vivienne will encourage for example US youth to help African youth continue to develop the "Green Wall" of trees, planted 1km wide, and stretching across Africa to halt the desertification in the Sahel.

Vivienne's goal is to help fund the planting of 1,000,000 trees to add to the Wall. The project has the support of the African Union and the United Nations.

2021 KINDER ENROLMENTS

Spaces are filling quickly and are limited for Kinder 2021. If you or you know of someone interested in attending SJV in 2021, please contact the school and collect an enrolment package. Due to restrictions of COVID-19, interviews will be held later in the year

MAY FOR MARY

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Mother.

As Catholics, we are encouraged to add Marian devotions to our prayer life to honour the Holy Mother of God. It seems perfectly fitting that we thank the Mother of the Church during the month we celebrate Mother's Day.

Whilst we busy ourselves with flowers and cards for our mothers and grandmothers here on earth, one should devote time to thank the Mother of Christ as well. During May for Mary, we celebrate the feast days of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady, Help of Christians. There are many Marian devotions we can pray, and as Christ listened to His mother's request at Cana, we can be confident in her intercession, particularly through praying the Rosary.

The Pastoral Placement Participants have initiated and already begun the May for Mary Rosary Challenge that is circulating online through MN Catholic Youth and Graced in Wisdom Catholic Media, which can be found on Facebook.

The Rosary Challenge encourages us to continue to pray the Rosary daily or to begin to pray the Rosary daily. The Challenge is, 31 Days, 31 Rosaries and 31 intentions during May for Mary. The hope behind the challenge, is that by the end of the month, it would promote the habit of daily prayer and devotion among all faithful, in praying the Rosary and meditating on the life of Christ and His Blessed Mother.

As His Holiness Pope Francis wrote in his letter to the faithful, *"The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family."*

I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide on your own situations, making the most of both opportunities."

NATALEE BONOMINI Published on MN News 8th May 2020.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

"If the Internet represents an extraordinary possibility of access to knowledge, it is also true that it has proven to be one of the areas most exposed to disinformation and to the conscious and targeted distortion of facts and interpersonal relationships, which are often used to discredit. We need to recognise how social networks, on the one hand, help us to better connect, rediscover, and assist one another, but on the other, lend themselves to the manipulation of personal data, aimed at obtaining political or economic advantages, without due respect for the person and his or her rights."

(Pope Francis)

TAX RECEIPTS FOR PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to those who support our parish through our planned giving program. If you would like a **tax receipt** for your planned giving contributions please call or email the parish office by **31st May 2020**. Please note as the number of givers who request a tax receipt is used in calculating the percentage claimable, for this reason we are unable to provide Tax receipts for requests made after 30th June 2020. *Please note that **TAX RECEIPTS** are for those who are completing a **TAX RETURN**. We can supply a general receipt for those not completing a tax return any time after 30th June.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
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 spiritually 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.
Amen.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary,
you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in
Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of
God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test
– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed
Virgin.



ECUMENICAL PRAYER FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PRAY THIS PRAYER AT 7PM EACH DAY

Gracious God,
We give thanks anew for your
providence and presence.
We prayerfully seek your grace,
amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.
We pray for those in need of healing.
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or
grieving.
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all
those who are serving in response.
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the
many choices and decisions facing our national, community
and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do
to help those who are vulnerable.
This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all
that is on our hearts,
we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

PENTECOST SUNDAY— 31st May
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH— 1st June
SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS—3rd June
SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR—5th June
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY—7th June
ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE— 11th June

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Nick Mirabello, Lynne Kop, Helen Martin, Lisa Mirabello, Jessamy Ferguson.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Gary Phillips, Dorothea Croker.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office. *All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.*

THANKYOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

A much appreciated thank you is extended to those parishioners who have chosen to continue to donate to the 1st Collection, Parish, and Planned Giving during this crisis. Your contributions help support the mission the of the parish.

If anyone would like to take up the options of direct bank deposits, electronic funds transfer our bank account details are:

For Planned Giving and the Second Collection

Account Name: **CDF 5004 Morisset Parish**
BSB: 062815 Account Number: 00328161
Reference: Morisset 2nd Collection or Morisset plus envelope number if it is for planned giving.

For First Collection

Account Name: **CDF 5016 Morisset 1st Collection**
BSB: 062815 Account Number:00328161
Reference: Morisset 1st Collection

Please note that the account name is different for each collection as the number in the account name is how CDF know which account / collection the payment belongs to.

If anyone would like to take up the option of direct debit payments please contact the parish office and we will be able to supply a direct debit authority form.

You can also send in cheques to the parish office.

DON'T MISS OUT ON ANYTHING IN YOUR DIOCESE!

Go to mnnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

LIVE STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

When the local gym closed some weeks ago, I began going for morning walks along tracks through the trees. Apart from observing the beauty of the trees and of nature in general, one of the first things I noticed was that I could hear the birds in those trees and the great variety of beautiful sounds they were making.

Also, as the days and weeks have gone by, I have noticed just how many people are out there riding their bikes, or walking along with a fellow human, and often accompanied by dogs. I and others have seen women jogging along pushing their babies in a stroller, and sometimes accompanied by two dogs. Whoever I meet I often try to greet them, and if possible I greet the dogs with “Good morning, dog!”

As I walk along, I also try to spend about twenty minutes in some form of silent prayer after beginning with the names of people and situations that I ask God for His help. I also try to say the Rosary, and that helps me to value the importance of Jesus and Mary in my life. So, in my walks I do find that I have a deep sense of connection with nature, with birds and animals, with fellow humans, and with God.

So, I do walk as a person of faith, and I really believe that the Holy Spirit is present in all of nature, in all living things including birds and dogs. Jesus said: “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”

We hear Jesus say in today’s Gospel reading: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth...” The Advocate, the Spirit, is God’s permanent presence in our midst, not only in us individually, but a sustaining presence in our faith community, helping us to find a way forward in life. Jesus is true to his promise. He has not left us orphans, but has gifted us with his Spirit, our strength and companion for these difficult days.

From a faith perspective we can see the Spirit at work among us these days when medical staffs, food store workers, cleaners, bus and train drivers, zoo workers, and many more people, are putting their lives at risk for others just as Jesus did.

Five years ago, Pope Francis wrote a teaching document called, “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.” This week, May 16-24, is Laudato Si Week. The theme of this week is “Everything is Connected”. During the coming week we are invited to come together as one people around the world to prayerfully discern the lessons of this moment. While the world experiences a history-defining crisis, we reflect and prepare to build a better and a more connected and caring world. We do not do that alone; the Holy Spirit is present with us always.

*The above is a Reflection for 6th Sunday of Easter Year A 2020
Geoff Mulhearn & Others, 17 May 2020*