

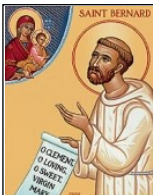
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 10th May 2020 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

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

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



Our Mission Statement: 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement: 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



Special Mother's Day Blessing: Prayer over Mothers and Nurturers

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

"A mother understands what a child does not say." - Jewish Proverb

An Irish blessing -

*There is but one and only one, whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun, with constant fond endeavour.
There is but one and only one, on earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done, when God gave us a Mother.*

Today, we celebrate Mother's Day.

We wish all mothers a beautiful day filled with love and joy and acknowledge the sacrifices they make in their lives to raise their children. Their selfless service enables all of us to become good people. Thank you to all the mothers and mother figures for your dedication and sacrifices. May God abundantly bless each of you, today and every day.



Dear Friends,

The Gospel according to St John, Chapter 13:31 through to Chapter 17:26 is called the Farewell Discourse of Jesus. It is in fact a collection of many discourses and today's Gospel covers the passage of discourse about the Last Supper (Jn 13:31 – 14:31).

Jesus comes from God the Father and He is going back to the Father. Nobody reaches God except through Jesus. In other words, Jesus came to us so we could follow His example and know the way back to the Father ourselves.

Jesus is not only the way, but also truth and life. Jesus is the only way, because He is the only mediator between God and human beings. It is Jesus, and only Jesus, who will reveal to us the Father. It is Jesus' truth that frees everybody – His life that gives fullness to everybody's life.

HE IS EQUAL TO GOD, HIS FATHER.

In both words and deeds, Jesus was equal to His Father. It follows then, that anyone who goes through life with Jesus as their model, will reach the destination – to attain God, and to share in the Glory of God the Father. In this farewell discourse Jesus explains the significance and implication of his salvic death and resurrection. It is really a personal and private talk to his own apostles.

When the Apostles first heard the news about the death and resurrection of Jesus at this last supper together, they were distressed, their hearts were greatly troubled and confused, with good reason.

Their first concern was that very soon Jesus would leave them. Having spent three years with a man who loved them very much, how could they go on without him in their lives. Secondly, they realised that the hostility of the world against Jesus and them, would turn against them alone after Jesus left. This insight of the disciples and the leaving of Jesus understandably gave them pain, confusion and caused them distress.

It was at this time that Jesus encouraged and consoled the disciples with the words:

" DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED TRUST IN GOD AND TRUST IN ME "

What Jesus is really saying here is that the basic remedy against trouble or distress, is faith. If we have true faith and trust in God the Father and in Jesus, we will be liberated from all distress and confusion. The aim or purpose of this missive is to reassure us that Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for all in the house of His Father and will come again to lead those who trust and believe in Him home.

Jesus experienced many troubles before His final sacrifice. He had to work at letting go of all that was inside him, "emptying himself". His relationship to His Father could then strengthen and allow Him to carry out His mission.

The way that Jesus reached His Father was through by surrendering His will totally to the Will of His Father. He did this with humility, forgiveness, suffering, death and resurrection. In order for us to achieve Eternal Life, we too have to travel those ways of love, humility, forgiveness and total surrender to the Will of God.

This Covid-19 pandemic is creating a lot of troubles, distress and confusion in our world and our daily lives. So, it is timely that today's Gospel reflection enables and encourages us to take heart, there is no need for any distress if we truly have faith in God and surrender ourselves totally to God's will. If our faith is shaken, then our life will become more difficult and disordered, but strong faith in God will help us to overcome the present pandemic.

So, I ask you to work on your connection or relationship with Jesus through family prayers, personal prayers, and reading the Bible every day and meditating on it.

PRAYER IS THE POWER WHICH GIVES US STRENGTH TO FACE DISTRESSING SITUATIONS IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

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Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

EASTERTIDE

Monday 11/05

Mass of the day/Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 12/05

Mass of the day/Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday 13/05

Mass of the day/Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 14/05

St Matthias

Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I-II
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Friday 15/05

Mass of the day/Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 16/05

Mass of the day/Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
Remembers & prayers for...**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eddie Mulligan, K J John, Gerald McCulloch, Patrick (Pat) Read, Patricia Clough, Don Matheson, Clare Daley.

ANNIVERSARIES: C J John, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Kerrin Enright, Patricia O'Malley, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGauley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Josen, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

We are delighted that we are able to support the faith needs of our Catholic community and grateful we are still here and able to assist you. Please show your support for your parish and the commitments we have made, by giving whatever you can.

As Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matthew 6:21).

BSB: 062 784 **Account:** 1238 8001 **Name:** Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish—Church Account

When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections.

Perhaps send us an email with your wishes clearly indicated, so we may honour your intentions exactly.

1st Collection: Goes to Pastoral Revenue and is used to support the welfare of our priests, both active and retired. **2nd Collection:** Is retained in the parish and used to pay regular outgoings and honour commitments to maintain and improve parish life. *Need more information? Call 9456 2450.*

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 5 May 2020]

My dear people, my particular prayer intention this week is for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, because in our community of the Church, this week is dedicated to the discernment of vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention because we have a need for generous people to serve the community of the Church. The Church needs more priests and consecrated women and men if its ministry is to have the fullness that its apostolate to the world demands. As well as prayer, the Church needs action. We need to encourage all baptised people to discover their personal vocation in life. Most people will find their vocation in the world as laity. However, many will consider the Church's need for priests to shepherd the flock of Christ, and for consecrated women and men to give witness to Kingdom values by a life of service to others. Living out our Christian vocation each day demands that we commit ourselves to becoming holy. As each man and woman, boy and girl responds to their vocation in life, they take up the special role:

1. of preaching the Word of God to the world,
2. of the enrichment of the Christian family and
3. ultimately of the building up of the Kingdom of God.

This week, I would like to invite you to listen to what God is asking you to do with your life. I encourage you to step up and to meet the challenge of living your faith! To that end, I offer you some guidance from the Sacred Scripture. I hope that you might find inspiration and direction as you say "yes" to God in your life and in the Church. In the greeting from the letter to the Galatians, Paul boldly attributes his vocation unconditionally to the will of God: Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead (Galatians 1:1). There are many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who, like Paul, have received a personal call from God. This call always has a similar pattern.

- God's call is always personal, made to men or women in a given place and time.
- While the call is to an individual, it is always in response to the needs of the People of God (e.g. Moses Ex 3:7-12).
- In this regard, God forever looks to the community, calling people to leadership and service within it.
- The reaction is not always placid; in fact, the initial response is one of shock to the one who is called (e.g. Jeremiah 1:4-6).
- More often than not the one called will not reject the proposal, but will question, how can this come about? (e.g. Mary in Lk 1:34).
- After grappling with God's call for some time, the individual often discovers his or her life is changed.
- The initial shock shakes the entire foundation of life to the point where the response is one of freedom (e.g. Paul Acts 9:1-20), and the one called is prepared to leave behind family, friends, in sum, the familiar life (e.g. Abraham Gen 12:1-4).
- God's call is charged with a task.
- The person is called to do something, to lead, to guide, to teach, to go on a mission (e.g. Isaiah 6:6-9).
- But, they are never sent alone. God promises to be with them (e.g. David 1Sam 16:13).
- God pledges fidelity, and the one called is often surprised that with God, all things are possible.

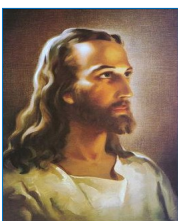
With these words of encouragement, I hope that the Holy Spirit will animate everyone throughout our diocese to live the Christian faith joyfully. If God is calling you to be a priest, a deacon, or a consecrated woman or man, then know that you are not alone. Don't be afraid because when God asks us to do something, the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts necessary to do it.

Please visit our vocations team www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/vocations

Every blessing in the Lord, + *Anthony*

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Anthony Randazzo

ART SPACE: "HEAD OF CHRIST" Walter E. Sallman, 1940.



Pope Francis prayed last week, "We pray today for artists, who have this very great capacity for creativity ... May the Lord give us all the grace of creativity right now,". Pope Francis also encouraged Christians to recall their first personal encounter with Jesus, saying "The Lord always returns to the first meeting, to the first moment in which he looked at us, spoke to us and it gave birth to the desire to follow him." For some of us that first meeting may be through one of the mass-produced portraits of Jesus that were in our homes growing up. One parishioner in our Diocese vividly recalls the ethereally lit

Walter Sallman reproduction print of Jesus Christ, which sat upon his mother's dressing table, next to the black and white family photos of much loved (but rarely seen) overseas relatives. This popular oil painting was used as a devotional image throughout the 1940s with over half a billion copies printed and distributed around the world. The "wallet sized" prints were popular as people travelled and emigrated after the war. The reminder that Jesus is never far from your heart became a literal experience.

As we focus on devotional practices in our homes, do you have an image of Christ as **THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE?**



**Charitable Works
Fund Appeal**

The final CWF Appeal for this financial year **concludes** this weekend. We thank you very much for your generosity to date. We are still behind our allotted quota of \$1,948.75, so if you can support this appeal, please consider doing so, as what you give supports the DBB to continue their Charitable Works. 1. To make an online donation please go to: <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> or visit our parish website and use our Bpoint link by selecting from the drop down menu "CWF Diocese of Broken Bay" and following the prompts.

2. The latest May CWF video is a "thank you" video and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/NIVvTxTsDTw>

Donations \$2.00 and over are tax-deductible.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: PRAYER TO OUR LADY IN TIME OF TROUBLE

Holy Virgin Mary, you are reigning in glory, with Jesus, your Son.

Remember us in our sadness. Look kindly on all who are suffering or fighting against any difficulty.

Have pity on those who are separated from someone they love. Have pity on the loneliness of our hearts.

Have pity on the weakness of our faith and love. Have pity on those who are weeping, on those who are praying, on those who are fearful. Holy Mother, please obtain for all of us hope and peace with justice. Amen.



About the two ROSTERS that are actually still in use !!

...Maintenance at St Patrick's: With the new month of May comes a rotation of those rostered for the maintenance of the grounds and general building of St Patrick's Asquith. We thank Malcolm Cross and David Chui for their dedication across April and proffer a **gentle reminder to Les Fogden, Graham Palmer and Filso Sebastian** that you are up to bat fellas during May. **...Maintenance at St Bernard's:** Is a little more flexible with folk leading a hand when they can. A roster (of sorts) does exist, but mostly if these fella's drive past and see something needs doing...they just do it!



...Welcome and Prayers of the Faithful: These quiet and unassuming stewards of our parish often fly under the radar when it comes to recognition and yet, it is their words that are the first to welcome us to Mass each week. It is also their compassion and consideration of others that form the prayers of the faithful. **Please know, and we know we do not say this enough, that each of you are truly valued by us all.** May The Father bless you, the Son sit beside you and the Holy Spirit inspire you as you pen for us each week the warmest welcomes and sincerest prayers of the faithful.



Back at St Pat's, please be advised that there is some wood available behind the stone wall on the western side of the courtyard for those who have a wood heater. First in-best dressed for toasty toes over winter. Please be very careful when collecting this freebie and remember *'bend those knees as you lift'*.



Are you feeling a little bored? Need some time out of the house? Are you handy with a brush? Then we have the ideal "time-filler-inner-er" for you! And it complies with social distancing too!

St Bernard's Church is almost 50 year old and is showing some signs of this milestone. With the new roof soon to be realised, a very generous (but anonymous) parishioner has promised the funds to cover all materials required to sand back and stain or paint the windows and doors of the church, both inside and out.

All we need is your expertise! Can you help? Please call us on 9456 2450.

The latest from the Diocese: *A Message from Bishop Anthony* ~ "My dear people, my particular prayer intention this week is for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, because in our community of the Church, this week is dedicated to the discernment of vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention because we have a need for generous people to serve the community of the Church."

The latest information from your own parish:

Our apologies ONCE AGAIN to those watching our live-streamed **Vigil Mass** last weekend.

This weekend the problem was indeed OPERATIONAL, however, to fix the problem meant we would have had to stop live-streaming Mass altogether, which was not an option even worth considering.

So if you ended up with a sore neck from watching mass sideways, rest assured that you earnt brownie points with God for offering up your pain and suffering to His glory.

Please join other parishioners for Mass live-streamed to your home via our Facebook page at your choice of time and venue.

5pm Saturday evenings @ St Bernard's // 9am Sunday mornings @ St Patrick's

To live-stream Mass from our parish, simply *'like'* our Facebook page and you'll be all set.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

Please stay in touch with us ~ we miss you! Contact us via: **Email:** parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; **Phone:** 9456 2450

And we will stay in touch with you ~ using our: KCCP Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp>;

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Friday mailouts: Not receiving yours? Please send us an email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au and insert **"Please add this email to the Friday Mailout List"**, in the subject line.

We're in this together and we're still here for each and everyone of you! KCCP Staff.

Position Vacant - Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

The 250 Club!

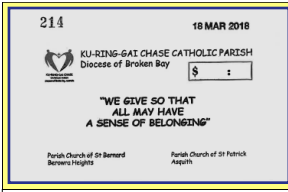
Week 04: 04/05/2020 ~ Number: 013 ~ Winner: Anne Gosson ~ Amount: \$25.00

Next week is the first of the "Jackpot" wins worth \$500.00 !!

You need to be financial to win so if you are unsure, please give us a call to ensure you have paid, we wouldn't want you to miss out !



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2020: For Deacons ~ We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



The July 2020 - June 2021 Planned Giving Envelopes have arrived in the Parish Office.
 It is hoped that these will be sorted, prepared and available for distribution soon - we just have to work out "how" to do this effectively and safely. Fewer boxes have been ordered this year to "close the gaps", so you may not have the same number as last financial year.
Please DON'T PANIC if your number changes, our recording process seamlessly takes care of the transition and be reassured that whatever you give is definitely recorded against your name. *Cheers, Twito.*



Last Sunday KCCP Children's Atrium celebrated 10 years!

The KCCP Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's Atrium was blessed and opened by Fr Robert Borg on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, 2 May 2010. Perhaps you were in the congregation that day when (to encourage attendance at the Atrium's blessing) Fr Robert did not say the concluding blessing of the Mass in St Bernard's Church but on the verandah of one of the demountables adjacent to the presbytery.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian faith formation process for children aged between 3 and 12 years. The vision for this faith formation began in 1954 in Rome, and first came to Australia in 1995. Its central aim is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God. Children have vital religious needs and desire to be near to God, but need the sensitive guidance of the adult as well as the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit to nurture this relationship. The Catechesis takes place in a sacred space called the Atrium, prepared for the children by adults, so that they can respond to this relationship, first proclaimed to them through Jesus the Good Shepherd. The Catechesis is grounded in **Scripture** and the **Liturgy** of the Church, then framed by Montessori principles of education. It responds to the cry in the child's heart, "Help me come closer to God by myself!" and allows children to hear the Gospels through the use of sensorially rich materials. In the Atrium the children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.



Children come to the Atrium for 1 1/2-2 hours each week during school terms. In its first ten years, 115 children have attended KCCP Children's Atrium, many coming from beyond our parish borders as there are only two Atria in our diocese. Some families have been bringing their children to the Atrium for many years. One of our current families has been with us since 2012, another since 2014—and, after attending the Atrium for over 4 years herself, one of our Atrium 'children' has now undertaken formation as a catechist and returned to serve other children in the Atrium! As its name suggests, KCCP Children's Atrium connects children to our parish, and may rightly be seen as a gift from our parish to the children who attend. A number of parishioners have donated their considerable skills, time and resources to prepare materials for our Atrium, both before it opened and in the years since as we have expanded to cater not only for children aged 3-6 years, but those aged 6-9 and 9-12 years as well. Three parishioners have served as catechists in our Atrium since it opened—one of these, Paula Fornasier, moved to Surry Hills several years ago but since then has continued to train to Berowra each week to be in the Atrium with our youngest children. Other parishioners have volunteered as helpers in the Atrium. And each week for ten years Cecilia Waite has provided a beautiful bucket of flowers from her garden so the children can make their Atrium beautiful. Since 2013 Ann Bradshaw from Hornsby Cathedral Parish has also volunteered as a catechist. As KCCP parishioners, you should see it as *your* Atrium too.



As this long involvement of both parishioners and families might suggest, (y)our Atrium is a special place. If you would like to know more about KCCP Children's Atrium for yourself or your children or grandchildren, please see <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd> If you would like to visit our Atrium (in due course), we would be delighted to welcome you! Please get in touch via kccp.childrens.atrium@gmail.com or through the pastoral centre.

Liturgy of the Word Sunday 10 May 2020
 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A

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.

Penitential Act:
 (All.) I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(and, striking their breast, they say):* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; *(then they continue):* therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
 (P.) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
 (R.) Amen.

The Gloria:
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7 ~ **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**
 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.

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God.

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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: 1 Pt 2:4-9 ~ A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

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

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord (R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow).

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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