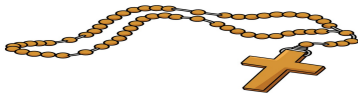


During May we shall be reciting the rosary before 10.00 am Sunday Mass so please aim to be seated by 9.45 am.



10th May 2026  
6th Sunday Easter (A)  
Celebrated by  
Fr. Loretu Tabone

*The Father will send the Spirit who will abide in you. Let the sound of praise be heard!*

**First Reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17**  
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*

**Responsorial Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**  
**(R) Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

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)**

'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)**

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♪ Hymns for Today ♪

106 Christ be beside me  
870 Gifts of Bread & Wine  
567 Oh Lord All the World

**Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18**

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.

*The Word of the Lord*

**We Pray For**

Those in our community and all our relatives and friends who need our prayers especially **Marcel Grech-Marguerat and Lilian Fitzpatrick** hopefully both improving as well as those who have died especially **Bob Marks** whose anniversary occurs at this time

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)**

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 from me. **(R)**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

**Gospel John 14:15-21**

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*

**Communion Reflection**

As one sacred host, from among the million of hosts on the earth, is enough to nourish us with God, so one brother or sister, the one whom God's will puts next to us, is enough to give us communion with humanity, which is the mystical Jesus. My God, let me be in this world the tangible sacrament of your Love, of your being Love; let me be your arms that press to themselves and consume in love all the loneliness of the world. (Chiara Lubich, Essential writings, New City Press 2007)

**Memorial Acclamation**

He is Lord. He is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.



After listening to today's readings let us now consider the following :  
**Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

Only in John's Gospel is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'. Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin language, the latter from the Greek. It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality 'paraclesis' or perseverance. In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete. The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with the disciples. The close link and interplay between these three figures (Father, Son and Spirit) gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church. With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery. Why do we need a Paraclete to guide us?

**And of Fr. Robert Draper**

It is a happy irony that Philip is in Samaria in our first reading due to the persecution initiated by Saul. The commission of Stephen and Philip and the other Hellenists to take on the role of distributing food, led to their taking on preaching and evangelisation, and this resulted in the stoning of Stephen and the persecution of the Hellenists in Jerusalem. As a consequence, they leave and carry their message elsewhere, so the attempt to stifle the Good News leads to its growth. Philip's preaching is accompanied by signs and cures - signs which recall Jesus' own ministry. In the Book of Acts, Luke has no consistent ordering of the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Here baptism is given; the Apostles come from Jerusalem to see the results of Philip's ministry and then lay hands on the Samaritans that they might receive the Spirit. The real significance is that the Apostles' role is acknowledged and the mission of Philip (and therefore of the other Hellenists) is confirmed. Luke portrays a community that grows and brings in outsiders (Samaritans were regarded with great distaste by the Jews). But it is one community that is united by the baptism in the name of Jesus, that gives the Holy Spirit to believers and which is united to the apostles. The Gospel of Luke is an account of the work of Jesus; the Book of Acts by Luke is the sequel which gives an account of the mission of the Spirit in the Church and the accomplishment of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. The significance of the Holy Spirit in today's passage reminds us that we are approaching the Feast of Pentecost, as does the Gospel passage from John where Jesus promises that although he is to leave them, the

**Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for May**

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Commencing **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, and on the 15 Wednesdays up to the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a **Mass in English at Ta Pinu at 11.15a.m.** Readers are needed for these masses please.

**14th May 2026 3.30 pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in English at Ghasri church followed by refreshments.



**CELEBRATIONS IN MAY**

**Birthdays**

- 11th Brian Coen**
- 18th Rachel Holland**



**Money Matters**

**The collection for last Sunday was € 306.20**  
**All monies collected are deployed to cover the costs of running our community and for good causes**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>10-May-26 Ben Miltenburg</b>	<b>David Felice Pace</b>
17-May-26 Mary Newman	Johanna Marks
24-May-26 Iain Dando	Monique Sant Georges
31-May-26 Ben Miltenburg	Mary Newman
07-Jun-26 Johanna Marks	David Felice Pace

**Readers Rota – If you would like to join please contact Johanna on johannamarks3@gmail.com**

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