

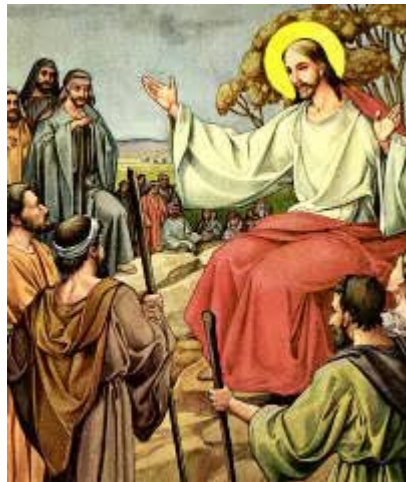


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Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 9, 2021 Year B



After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls

us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything. *(frtonyhomilies)*

Durante la lettura del Vangelo, nel corso della celebrazione liturgica, è il Signore Gesù Cristo che parla ai suoi discepoli. Oggi ci dice che siamo tutti suoi amici, che gli apparteniamo attraverso la fede e attraverso il battesimo. Egli l'ha provato rivelandoci il suo segreto e la sua missione di Figlio di Dio. Ci ha detto che Dio, nella sua onnipotenza divina, ci ama tutti. Per mezzo di suo Figlio Gesù Cristo, ci ha fatto entrare nella comunione di amore che esiste fin dall'eternità tra lui e suo Figlio. "Come il Padre ha amato me, così anch'io ho amato voi". È una parola di verità potente e divina.

Per tutti quelli che hanno preso coscienza dell'importanza di questo dono divino, conta una sola cosa: mostrarsi degni dell'amore che ci viene nell'amicizia del Figlio di Dio. "Rimanete nel mio amore". (lachiensa.it)

Contact tracing procedure

Due to changes to the Victorian Government's contract tracing regulations attendees to masses at St. Matthews will now on entry to the church before masses be required to either a) provide their name and contact telephone number, or b) use mobile phones to scan the St. Matthews QR. Parishioners are advised to arrive early to masses to check in.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Carmela Bovezza, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Peta Wright, Adam, Herrmann Family

Recently deceased: Leanne Branchflower, Maria Rosa Polon Bejasa, Paul Deguara, Rosina Careri, Saveria Tarzia (nee D'Amico), Peter: Nguyen-Chi Thanh, Maria Loronzetto, Stella Micaloff, Concetta Rizzo

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Rosa Lattanzio, Rosaria Caruso, Jack McDonough, Paola Cutello, Peppino & Bellina Butera, Anna Gentile, Filomena & Biondo Di Felice, Audrey, Percy, and, Garry Tinker, Pauline De Francesco, Giovanni Di Biase, Herbert & Myrtle Eliyathamby, Blossom & Aaron Weerasinghe, Fr. Phillip De Silva



We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

**Rosters for weekend masses
May 15/16**

Lectors:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm : L. Psaila
 Sunday 9.00 am : M. Markis
 Sunday 10.30 am : F. Penco

Special ministers:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm: K. Dibella
 Sunday 9.00 am : L. Iaria

Bus: B. Tajhano (Saturday 6.00 pm)

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honouring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favourite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honour mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



It has become customary to wear white carnations to honour departed mothers and red to honour the living.

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