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## May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)



The Gospel of John is often divided into two sections: the Book of Signs, detailing the public ministry of Jesus aimed at bringing people to belief, and the Book of Glory, which outlines the events leading to his death and resurrection. One part of that concluding section of the gospel describes the events of his final night with his followers. It is too late now for those who have not recognised that Jesus is the Messiah. He closets himself with those who do believe and gives them extended instruction on how they are to continue his mission after he is gone. Both today's reading and next week's gospel come from this section of the text.

Jesus is telling his disciples not just that they must love each other, but also that they must love *as he has loved*. This moves beyond the commandment known to the Jews to love one's neighbour as oneself. The love that Jesus showed was the total self-giving and selfless love that led to his death on the cross—his glorification. It is this love that

reveals the love of God, who *is* love. This new and difficult love is to be the true mark of a Christian in a truly Christian community. *(the summit)*

### V DOMENICA DI PASQUA (ANNO C)

*Il Vangelo di oggi ci trasmette il testamento di Gesù. È diretto ai suoi discepoli, turbati dalla partenza di Giuda. Ma è anche diretto ai numerosi discepoli che succedono a loro e vivono il periodo di Pasqua alla ricerca di un orientamento. Sono soprattutto essi che trovano qui una risposta alle loro domande: Che cosa è successo di Gesù? Ritournerà? Come incontrarlo? Che cosa fare adesso? Sono alcune delle domande che capita anche a noi di fare.*

*In fondo, il Vangelo ci dà una risposta molto semplice: è un nuovo comandamento: "Amatevi gli uni gli altri come io vi ho amati". Ma se ci si dedica a seguire questo comandamento, ci si accorge molto presto che l'amore non si comanda. Eppure, se si è capaci di impegnarsi ad amare il proprio prossimo per amore di Gesù - come egli stesso ha fatto - si trova ben presto la risposta a parecchie altre domande. Ci si rende conto che il cammino di Gesù è un cammino di vita, per lui ma anche per molte altre persone intorno a lui.*

*(lachsia.it)*

### First Communion, and, Confirmation

Sacramental preparation for state school students in Grade 3 or up.

Please contact Anna Proud 0402741258.

### Prima Comunione, e, Cresima

Preparazione sacramentale per gli studenti delle scuole statali di grado 3 o superiore.

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa

**Upcoming funerals: Stanko Klarin: Tuesday, 17 May, 2022 @ 10.30 Viewing followed by Rosay and mass**

**Recently deceased:** Gentilina Ciabotti, Stanko Klarin, Rose Ficarra, Venera Maiorana, Enrique Manalo

**Anniversaries:** Bruno Troise, Angelo and Loreta Buttigieg, Frank and Carmen Debono, Jenko Franin, Saveria Tarzia, Fortunato Mercuri, John Iapozzuto, Alma Ambrosini, Pauline De Francesco, Hertbert Eliyathamby, Myrtle Eliyathamby, Mable Florence De Zilva, Blossom Weerasinghe, Sherine Adolphus, Anna Gentile, Filomena Di Felice, Biondo Di Felice, Audrey Tinker, Percy Tinker, Garry Tinker, Gina Bencic, Rosaria Caruso, Sebastiana and Elisabetta Santisi, Tereza and Charles Mondy, Mario, Francesco, and, Stefano Nemesio, Aldo Sacco, Stella Ingrazssia, Giuseppina Accardi, Maria Cecchin

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

### Rosters for weekend masses (May 21/22 )

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

Sunday 10.30 am : M. Costa

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso

### Mass times

#### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

**Novena masses will not be held between April 26 and May 25. Masses will resume June 1**

#### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

### Joke of the week

One Sunday a priest was finishing up a series on marriage. At the end of the service, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment, and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said: "You'd better give me five crosses."

Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "*Love one another as I have loved you*" (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving, unconditional, *agápe* love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. *(frtonyhomes)*

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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