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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 3 MAY 2026



“To follow Christ is to accept the truth of His words and the demands of His love, even when they call for sacrifice and self-denial.” - Pope St John Paul II

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.

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

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.
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.
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.

Second Reading 1 Peter 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.

Gospel Acclamation John 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 John 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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 4 May & Friday, 8 May - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 5 May - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Mary Jordan and her son Michael Jordan.

the sick: Shayne O'Brien, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 4th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 5th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Wed 6th: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 7th: 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45pm - 1.30pm Confession

Fri 8th: 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass, 4.30pm Holy Hour, 5pm - 5.30pm Confession

Sat 9th: 3.00pm Holy Mass - Tingha

4.45pm - 5.15pm Confession, 5.00pm Rosary, 5.30pm Holy Mass - Inverell

Sun 10th: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 10 May 2026, after Mass

Men's Breakfast: Wed 13 May 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

Liturgy Committee: Sat 16 May 2026, 9.00am

Ladies Lunch: 4 June 2026, 12.30pm. Location Country Kitchen Courtyard Café, 120 Otho Street

Altar Society Roster For May: Pat Bailey & Key Gardner

Reflection: This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Bottles of Holy Water

Bottles of Holy Water are available at the side of the Altar. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the Paschal Candle and other Easter expenses. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel.

Farewell Morning Tea for Tony & Anne Dale

A Farewell Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass next Sunday for Tony & Anne Dale. Please bring a plate of delicacies to share. Health & Safety reminder: Fr Juvi is allergic to pineapple.

Important Anniversaries on Friday 8 May

Election of Pope Leo XIV

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Peter Murphy, 2025

14th Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

From 7 May to 14 May 2026 the Australian Catholic Bishops will hold their 14th conference. Please pray for all our bishops and that the Holy Spirit will guide them.

Receiving Holy Communion

Parishioners are asked that when you receive Holy Communion, be it on the tongue or on the hand, that you do not move until the Host has been safely placed by the priest/lay minister. This is to prevent the Host dropping onto the ground.

Fraudulent Emails/Texts

To all parishioners: Please do not believe texts/emails you may receive asking for gift cards, etc using Fr Juvi's name—these are scams and are not from him.

Women's Breakfast

Our Ladies Breakfast club has been meeting for 23 years. We meet on the second Friday of each month. Our next breakfast will be May 8th at the Haven Cafe at 8am. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome. If you would like more information please phone Ann Barry on 0429 817 965 or Marj Manual on 0409 918 394.

Initiation Meeting for Parents/Guardian of Confirmation Candidates

Parents/guardians of Confirmation candidates from both Holy Trinity School and State Schools are invited to attend one of the two meetings held at the Sacred Heart Church meeting room on Wed 6 May at 1.15pm and 6pm.

Confirmation Enrolment will be on 15th May at the 9.30am Mass for HTS, then 17th May, within the Mass for all the other students. Confirmation will take place on June 13 at the 5.30pm Mass.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001023550

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001013072

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 356

* Preface I-V of Easter Pg 36-38

* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Fifth Week of Easter commences on Pg 368