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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 10 MAY 2026



“The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console.”
- St Cyril of Jerusalem

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. 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!
2. ‘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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 11 May & Friday, 15 May - 8am to 1pm

Tues, 12 May - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time, especially Reg & Clare Williams; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Mary Jordan and her son Michael.

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 11th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 12th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 12 Noon

Wed 13th: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 14th: 11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Holy Hour, 12.45pm - 1.30pm Confession

Fri 15th: 8.45am Rosary, 9.30am Yr 4W Holy Mass, 4.30pm Holy Hour, 5pm - 5.30pm Confession

Sat 16th: Ashford: 2.30pm Sunhaven Visit, 3pm Holy Mass; Inverell: 4.45pm-5.15pm Confession, 5pm Rosary, 5.30pm Holy Mass

Sun 17th: 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: Thurs 4 June 2026, 12.30pm. Location Country Kitchen Courtyard Café, 120 Otho Street

Women's Breakfast: Fri 12 June 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café

Altar Society Roster For May: Pat Bailey & Kay 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. You may fill any holy water bottle you own from the holy water vessel.

Enrolment of Confirmation Candidates

Enrolment for Confirmation will be taken at the 9.30am Mass on Fri 15 May and the 9am Mass on Sun 17 May.

Fraudulent Emails/Texts

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.



Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the parish. May God bless you all.

Prayer for Mothers: Loving Father and Almighty God, thank you for all the mothers in the world. Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health. Grant that we, their children, may honour them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving. Give them the grace to mirror the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ Your Son and our spiritual mother. Grant this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Farewell Morning Tea for Tony & Anne Dale

The Farewell Morning Tea for Tony & Anne will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome to attend. We thank Tony and Anne for their many years of service in the Church, at HTS, and the wider community, including SVDP.

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.

Liturgy Committee

There are currently four members on the Liturgy Committee. We are seeking to increase this number and therefore extend an invitation to all parishioners, especially those who attend weekday Mass, to express your interest to Fr Juvi after Mass this weekend. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting will be held next Saturday, 16 May, at 9am in the Meeting Room.

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 360

* 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:

Sixth Week of Easter commences on Pg 388