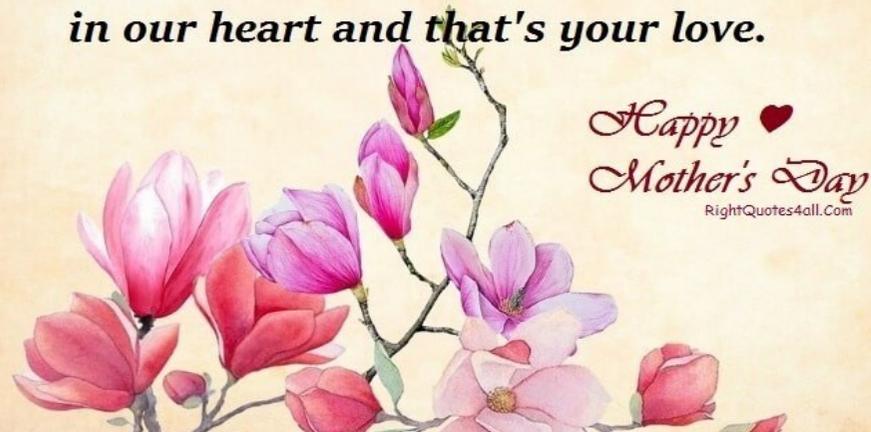


In your arms, you held us. Little did we know but you have given us the greatest treasure that will never fade in our heart and that's your love.



ALAN DAVIS 9th May



Fr. Plunkett: Last week Fr. Plunkett was admitted at Calvary Hospital. On Wednesday (6th May) the Diocese updated: Fr Wilf. Plunkett is to return home to Settlers Village today after light surgery. He has been advised that he has some cancer in his stomach, but surgeons will not operate because of his age. Let us keep him in our prayer!

Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

9th/10th May, 2020

Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am, 5:30pm

Daily Mass Times:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 5:45pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 7.00am

Saturday: 9.30am

Parish Sec: Roxy Locke

(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)

Pastor: Fr John Baptist (Mob 0415 371 627)

Parish Council Chair: David Collie

Parish Council Sec: Marsha Reilly

Presbytery: 71 White Avenue, Koorinal. 2650

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Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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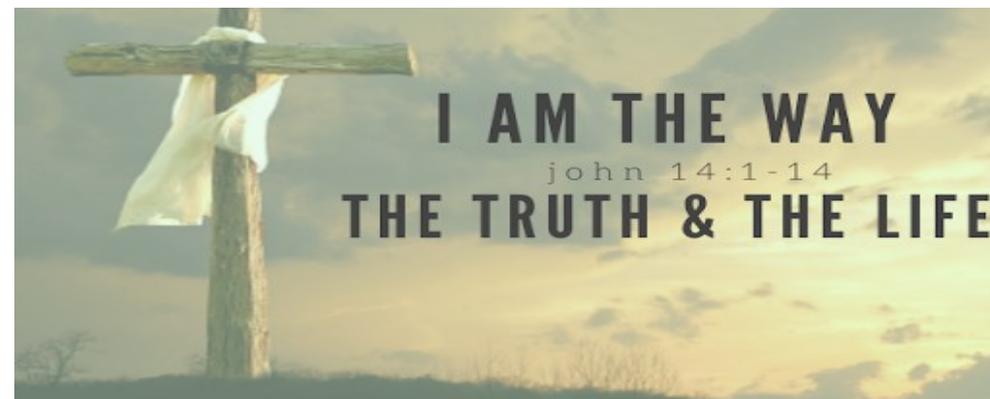
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack J. McGlynn, Robert Larkin, Joan Lowe, Margaret Hogan, Thomas (Kerry) McDonnell, Mary McInnes, Dr. Phil Zammit, John Loth CFC, Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Moira Bradley, Les Meek.

SICK: Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Bob Barclay, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

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. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of Peter 2:4-9

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. **Thanks be to God.**

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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12.

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 ever greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

How Can We Know the Way?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on-experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on *Google Maps*. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point *THROUGH* - through the heart of the world, into the depths of our humanity until we find that central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here.

Where do you go to find stillness?

Choose an hour of contemplation/meditation this week. Contemplate any image that leads you to the Holy. From where you are in your life right now, let Jesus show you the way. (gpbs.com.au).