

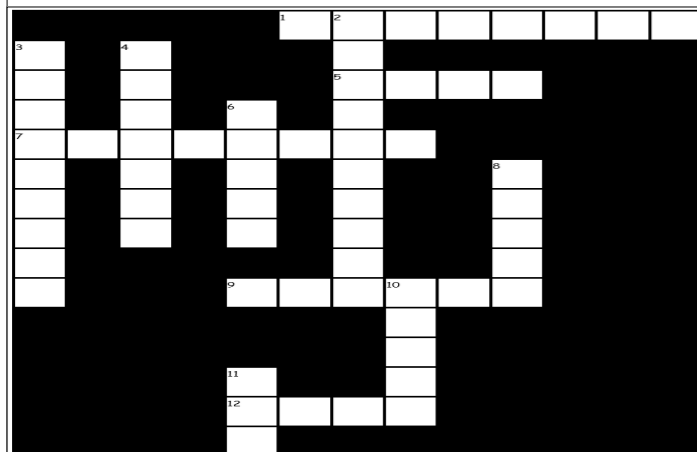
**Love one another as I have loved you**

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**CROSSWORD**

**THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON THEM**



Across

- 1: young people
- 5: God showed his \_\_\_\_\_ for us by sending his Son to be a sacrifice
- 7: another word for best
- 9: the opposite of mother
- 12: to do as you are told

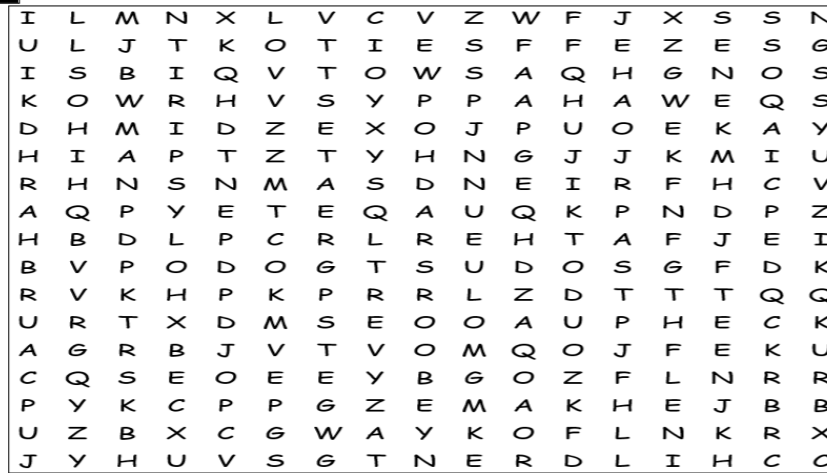
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- 2: the \_\_\_\_\_ was given to Gentiles (two words)
- 3: after the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit they could speak \_\_\_\_\_ different
- 4: the people you care about and like to spend time with are your \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: Jesus said, 'love each \_\_\_\_\_, as I have loved you'
- 8: this man spoke to a group of people who were then given the Holy Spirit
- 10: another word for glad
- 11: God sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to be a sacrifice so our sins could be forgiven

**WORDSEARCH**

Try to find these words:

- children
- Father
- friends
- greatest
- happy
- Holy Spirit
- languages
- love
- obey
- other
- Peter
- Son



**SAINT OF THE DAY: SAINT JOHN OF AVILA, 9 MAY**

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

**Reflection**

Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-halfheartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith. Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

**OLOL PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS**

**Liturgy:** Y. Fenech  
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**Sacramental Prep:** M. Alphonso, M. Mardy, A. Tilley  
**Children Liturgy:** K. Pauer  
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**Proclaimers:** Y. Fenech  
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**Mowing Roster:**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH Bayswater**



**HOLY MASS**

**Weekend**

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

**Weekday**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am  
**(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)**
- Tuesday: 7:30pm  
**(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary:** 30 minutes before weekday Masses

**SACRAMENTS**

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

**PRESBYTERY**

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

**OFFICE HOURS**

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

**OLOL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Chair: Michael Di Paola

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Chair: Michael Dennis

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**VISION**

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

**MISSION**

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'





5 MAY 2024

# 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEARS/2

*'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'*



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

### RESPONSE

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
ALLELUIA!

## AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO I HAVE LOVED YOU

Today's readings centre on the theme of love: the totally faithful, unconditional love of God for us. The First Reading describes a turning point in the growth of the Early Church. Peter visits the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and Gentile, announcing that 'God does not have favourites'. God reaches out to those who listen to him through his Holy Spirit. He creates a community of love that embraces all humanity.

St John in the Second Reading reminds us that God loved us first. God's nature is love. The great depth of that love is revealed in God sending Jesus, whose self-sacrifice redeems our sins and draws us into the life of God. The Gospel shows us Jesus teaching his disciples about his loving relationship with his Father. Jesus chooses and invites us into that same intimate relationship. He tells us how to follow him: that we should love one another. The Psalmist encourages us to sing praise joyfully to the Lord whose love offers salvation to all.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we pray for the grace that we ourselves might reflect the gift of God's love, through our actions to our brothers and sisters, and to all creation. We also give thanks for the love of our friends, and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, available at [www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au). Image from [Liturgy Help](http://Liturgy Help).



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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 OF THE APOSTLES 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

### SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

A reading from holy Gospel according to John. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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.

For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians

May 2024



## POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS

This May, Pope Francis has invited us to offer our prayers for "the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians". In his video message, the Pope emphasises the ongoing development of their vocations through grace, prayer, community, and witness to the Gospel.

Pope Francis recalls that every vocation is a "diamond in the rough" that needs to be polished, worked, and shaped on every side.

The Holy Father notes that "a good priest, sister, or nun, must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace". These are people who are aware of their own limitations and who are willing to "lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel".

It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually.

Full report at [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)



## CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



## OLOL MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

All are welcome to join this much awaited gathering as we celebrate our oneness, our unity. Let us all be proud of our

heritage. Let us all share a bit of our culture. Let us all unite and celebrate our being ONE happy family in Christ.

• **SATURDAY, 18 MAY AT 9PM – 4AM:** Overnight Rosary Vigil concluding with a Mass. Sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.

• **SUNDAY, 19 MAY AT 10AM:** Multicultural Mass and morning tea to follow in the Narthex. Please bring a plate (cocktail/finger food) to share.

• *We are also in need of volunteers who would like to do the Readings (in different languages) and flag bearers. Please contact Yvonne at 0433159588 for details.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Nona Sutton, Margaret Fitzgerald, James Corcoran, Judy Malane, Daniel Cronin, Johannes Van Denheuvel, Paolo Russo, Eduard Wolfs.

• **SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa Iacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.



## CHURCHES TO FACE TRUTH-TELLING INQUIRY INTO ABORIGINAL INJUSTICE

Representatives from the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting churches are expected to face a public hearing at a Victorian truth-telling inquiry as it focuses on land injustices against Aboriginal people.

The Yoorrook Justice Commission has homed in on land injustice in its latest hearings.

Churches played a significant role in setting up Victorian missions and reserves. Some have, in recent years, acknowledged their ministries were built on stolen Aboriginal land, while churches were also behind the forcible removal of children in the stolen generation. Children were subsequently placed in churches' care.

Premier Jacinta Allan was the latest witness to give evidence at the inquiry on Monday, revealing she was prepared to make a formal apology to Aboriginal Victorians. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



## CANONISATION OF BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI 'ON THE HORIZON'

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati could be declared a saint during the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year, according to Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, the head of the Vatican's office for saints' causes.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is beloved by many Catholic young people today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights"

The young man from the northern Italian city of Turin was an avid mountaineer and third order Dominican known for his charitable outreach.

At the age of 17, he joined the St Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to taking care of the poor, the homeless, and the sick, as well as demobilised servicemen returning from World War I.

He died of polio on July 4, 1925. His doctors later speculated that the young man had caught polio while serving the sick. He was beatified by St John Paul II in 1990. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



## PARISH MASS COUNT 2024

The four weekends of 4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May have been selected for the count.

This annual count taken is important for our pastoral planning activities and to get an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

## OBEDIENT CANARY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. — LEVITICUS 25:18-19 NIV

