

Breaking Open the Word

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

TRUST IN GOD

We all worry from time to time. Worry is one of the great social concerns that surround us. We worry about so much: our families and loved ones, our health, what is going on in the world, finances...and the list is endless. It is into this situation that Jesus speaks to us today. 'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me.' These words get to the heart of our lives. Jesus invites us to trust in him and his God, despite all that surrounds us. While such an invitation flies in the face of much that distracts us, the Gospel invites us into a space, 'a place', where we can rest with God. Jesus assures John's audience, and us, that he has already prepared this place. It awaits us—and we don't have to wait until death to enjoy it—we can allow ourselves to draw close to Jesus and be with him now.

This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to Thomas who questions Jesus about where he is going and how to be where he is. The response is clear: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' These words are clearly important for us to enjoy and relish as our celebration of Easter continues. Jesus offers us companionship ('the Way'), leads us into ultimate communion with God ('the Truth') and brings us into a sense of complete wholeness ('the Life').

The final part of today's Gospel reaffirms Jesus' communion with his Father and that our communion and trust in Jesus leads us into ultimate communion with God. Everything in this Gospel invites us to trust Jesus' words and let go, perhaps just a little, of our worries.

Fr Michael Trainor

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.

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THE SAVING WORD

3 MAY 2026

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

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 Jn 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. Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (or Alleluia!)

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11pm

Friday: 4pm, 8pm

Saturday: 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

National Count of Attendance - (Parish Mass Count) May 2026

There will be Parish mass count in all Weekend Masses for the whole month of May during the offertory. We thank you for your cooperation

Weekday Roster. Readers and EO

Ministers of Holy Communion please check the new Weekday roster (two-weekly schedule) in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

CatholicCare Victoria. We will have a

special collection all weekend masses this week for Catholic Care Victoria. This year, the Appeal focuses on homelessness. Together, we can build thriving communities where everyone belongs.

SPC Youth Group and SPC Sunday

School. SPC Youth Group meeting every Tuesday at 6:30pm, SPC Hall
Contact: Sr Lawrence, LIHM 0405190286. SPC Sunday School with LIHM Sisters will resume on Sunday, 17 May at 11am, Marian House. **Contact: Sr Catherine LIHM 0425157651.**

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Norberto Gatus, Luis Casino, Eleno Red, Constantino & Pilar, Zeka Pereira Vong, Gulmatico, Paul Agius, Carmen Marmara, Paul Marmara, Tony Cordina, Jacinta Bayo, Adela Balamban, Nikki Mayor, Jori Debono, Kerry Glanville, Joe Vella, Clinton Nichols, Joelle Meyepa, Fred de Leon, Ernesto Lacustales Sr, Jose Tarin Dela Cruz, Sotero & Dominga Dela Cruz, Felix Tanato Sr, Manuella Uy, Juanito, Leonica Ocampo, Danilo Gozarette, Rufina Roque, Josephine Scicluna, Gerald Mifsud, Andreanna & George Carrabott, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Lucille A Yap, Jolly Augustine Arackal, Izzul Isaac

SPECIAL INTENTION: Joel Selvarajan, Jevin Joe, Nobin Joe Joel, Fabian Koprivanac, McKenzie, Cardin, Ethan Muse, Ian

HEALING: Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Delia Ocampo, Fabian Koprivanac, Gauci family, Crystel Gangemi, Jonathan Lester Alega, Jeabice Vidan, Anna

THANKSGIVING: Maria, Lourdes Reyes, Damian Gleeson, Jordan Vella, Tony Bonello, Alfredo Naguit Jr, Sen Nan Naguit, MJ Felix, Jessica Bustamante, Wilfredo Barra, Eric Juhasz, Marcus Juhasz, Monika, Helen, Jerry & Josephine Matiga

THIS WEEK: 3 May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Della J Gynn D Grace S L	Richelle C RJ Baculo Aaron A	Frances R Wynna D Divina N	Julie Ann M Shiela D Jennifer G	Toniette S Gloria T Tami M	Annika D Celine T Sophia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Diana T Nick S L Antonietta C Marie E	Kurt C Stefan P	Ronald D Lorenz N Shirley T Thi Pham	Alvin G J Maria Mizzi Froilan M Lidia L	Jacqueline R Rafael V Kirk D G R Candida D S	M Diaz Maria Sulfaro Joe C Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM

NEXT WEEK: 10 May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Antonietta C Jennifer S	Alistar R Jeslie M Richelle C	Hilda D S Kumudu M A Huang	Roger S J Rency C Marilou S J	Vernon A Evelyn N Arlene P	A Celestino E Binuya R Victoria
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Paul M Nick S L Joan S	Kurt C Richelle C	Cedric B Ronald D Rukmal M M Alice	Don C Cathryn D Anna C Maria Sulfaro	Jacqueline R Emman C Candida D S Kirk D G R	Roland D Ric M Gloria T Joe C
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CFCA

Parish Office is closed on Tuesday, 5 May 2026. All the staff will be attending the Parish Administration Forum. Thank you.

EFTPOS facility available in the foyer the church for those who wish to generously donate to the church. We thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you and your Family

Project Compassion Unite Against Poverty. Project compassion boxes are still available in the foyer of the church for those who are still willing to donate. All Project Compassion boxes must be returned **on or before 31 May 2026** Thank you for your donation

Legion of Mary. Meetings every Friday at 9.15am in the Chanel Meeting Room. Contact: Delia Jarina 0424996140

Sacramental Classes

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion And Confirmation for children attending State Schools. Every Monday, 6:45 PM SPC Primary Classroom. Thank you

SPC Primary and St Lawrence

Primary enrolments are now open
Contacts: SPC Primary 03 93631586 or St Lawrence Primary 03 83905326

Positions vacant. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people. Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <https://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/job-vacancies>

**Next Week: 10 May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter - A**

A VOCATION VIEW

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.