

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

3 May 2026

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

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.

Responsorial 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*

(R.) 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.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

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.

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 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
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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

3rd of May 2026

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday

Appeal

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

CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)



Synod Corner: Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission. does.

WELCOME FR. JOSSY!

Fr. Jossy Kizhakkethalackal will be coming to Wallan and Kilmore for our Sunday Masses this weekend and will stay with us as our priest in residence for the time being. Please welcome him into our parish community, while we are lucky enough to have him staying with us.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile, and civilians urgently need humanitarian support. More than 2,000 people have been killed and over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide, including more than 390,000 children. Our partners Caritas Lebanon continue to deliver emergency food, water, shelter and health support across the country, maintaining humanitarian convoys to hard-to-reach areas in southern Lebanon.

Stand with the people of Lebanon today. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Easter Collection—Many people wanted to give an offering to the church at the Easter Vigil Masses, however due to an oversight, no collection was taken. We are leaving Easter Offering envelopes out, for those who wish to contribute to the Church loose collection for Easter.

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

8.15am, Tuesday to Saturday before 9am morning Mass

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

DONATE

To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 2 May : FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 3 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12 noon Baptisms, St Patrick's Church

Mon, 4 May: MONDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

No morning Mass

Tue, 5 May: TUESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 6 May: WEDNESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 7 May: THURSDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 8 May: FRIDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 2nd lesson,
St Patrick's Church
4pm Finance Committee Meeting, Parish office
5pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish
office

Sat, 9 May : SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 10 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MOTHER'S DAY

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Thanksgiving Envelopes: Please do not split/divide your Thanksgiving envelopes in half. Please keep them intact and write the amount on the front. Thanks

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.

WALLAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Anyone interested in joining the Children's Choir, please contact Bernadette on 0411 353 600. The choir practices every Tuesday at 5.30pm in the Our Lady of the Way Church.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>2/3 May</u>	<u>9/10 May</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	2 May	9 May
Reader	P. Donovan	C. Rowe
EMHC	A. Donovan	A. Leahy
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	2 May	9 May
Reader	M. Fleischmann	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	C. Clancy	M. Fleischmann
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	3 May	10 May
Reader	N. Ryan	R. Quinn
EMHC	P. Hutchinson	T. Cooney
EMHC	S. Buckley	J. Sapiano
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	3 May	10 May
Reader	L. Pellicori	A. Mathew
EMHC	C. Dodd	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	P. Duff	C. Eid
HOME EUCHARIST:	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	P. Duff	M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE:	L. Beaumont	G. Kim
	& C. Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Fay Auersperger & David McIlroy.

Anniversaries

Renzo Cernesi, Brent Michael Gorman, John De Vere Hunt, Ted Butler, Janice Mary Treanor, Charles Meier, Mabel Margaret Stute, Margaret M'Kenna, John M'Kenna, Cath Penergast, Ellen Laffan, Eileen Fennell, Peggy Hinchcliffe, John J. Sullivan, Fiorino Costantin, Jean Nanayakkara and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield, John Riggall and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

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