Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name. What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an edited story of the encounter of Peter and Cornelius. It is worth reading the full episode of Chapter 10. What we have is enough to relate the momentous occasion when Peter, a Jew, enters the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. This is significant of itself, laying aside any impropriety. More than this, Peter declares that God shows no partiality. It doesn't matter whether Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Simultaneously with Peter speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon all the audience, Jews and Gentiles alike.

In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, remain in my love.' This invitation to abide or remain in God's love opens the command to love one another which is ever more poignant in light of the inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer servants, indicating the closeness of their relationship, their walking together and their collaboration in the work of Iesus. Yet we know even today there are barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also acknowledges but urges us to find a way forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love' could be our mantra so the love of God is enacted to everyone we meet. How can we seek to be inclusive of all who seek God? How do we develop our ecumenical relationships and outreach to all those whom God desires to be welcomed?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

5 May 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

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

Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (*or* Alleluia!)

- 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 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John *God is love.*

My dear people,

let us love one another

since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,

because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

In 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Welcome to

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6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection:

Love is one commandment with many faces, many opportunities to put it into practice. If there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend, then we can begin by reflecting on what part of our lives must we "lay down" for the sake of another?

So, we ask ourselves:

- What prejudice, angry feelings and grudges must I lay down out of love for my sisters and brothers?
- How willing am I to "lay down" my free time when another has need?

Adsumus

Adsumus takes commitment – today we will be considering our commitment to our place on the vine. In today's gospel, we hear how Jesus passes down the love of God the Father to us, and in an act of re-creation, we are encouraged to continue to transmit that love, much as a branch transfers the life given to it from the vine.

Baptisms

We welcome into our parish community the following children who will be baptised this weekend: Amelia Iris Collins, daughter of Keenan and Alice, Meadow May Oliver, daughter of John and Anna, and Tayla Marie Costantino, daughter of Jarred and Belinda. May God continue to bless the Collins, Oliver and Costantino families.

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 4 May 6pm	St Dom
Sun 5 May 8am	OLGC
Sun 5 May 9.30am	St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 7 May 7pm	St Dom
Wed 8 May 9am	St Dom
Thurs 9 May 9am	OLGC
Fri 10 May 9am	St Dom
Fri 10 May 10am	Chrystal Halliday
Sat 11 May 9am	OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 11 May 6pm	St Dom
Sun 12 May 8am	OLGC
Sun 12 May 9.30am	St Dom

Reconciliation will be celebrated before & after every weekend Mass or by appointment. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or parish office 9446 1666 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his incorruptible body plus Rome, the Vatican and St Peter's Basilica. Flights and accommodation cost: \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For itinerary/booking form, call Sheila 0433 771 979, Veronica 0402 290 827 or info@anawimjourneys.com

Senior's Group

Tuesday 14th May, 10-12noon at St Dom's church hall.

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Upcoming Events

8 May—PPC, 6pm, Innaloo

11 May—Training for Children's Liturgy leaders, 10am at St Dom's parish hall

11 May—Youth Group,4pm Innaloo

19 May—Confirmation Mass, 8am OLGC

Rosters this weekend	4 May 6pm St Dom	5 May 8am OLGC	5 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	W Italiano	D D'Souza	C Frisina
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		M Farmer	
Morning Tea		B Gascoigne M Tester	
ЕМНС	Karen, Peggy		Oliver, Anna

Rosters next weekend	11 May 6pm St Dom	12 May 8am OLGC	12 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	K Creasy	L Marciano
Acolyte	P Wall		L Commins
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	
ЕМНС	Isabel, Karen		Ignatius, Donald