



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.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## THE HOUR HAS COME

Today's Gospel reading is part of the lengthy discourse of Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper. The atmosphere in the Upper Room is tense because Jesus has told the disciples that the 'hour' of his passion has come and that one of them (Judas) will betray him.

John notes that Jesus is 'troubled in spirit'. He is describing what Jesus is feeling just before his death and betrayal. Death and betrayal belong to the realm of Satan just as life and self-giving are of Jesus. The 'hour' then is nothing less than the final confrontation between Jesus and the prince of darkness.

Jesus' last farewell is intended to give courage and comfort to the disciples. His death is imminent and this event will be used by Satan to discourage and scatter the disciples, like sheep deprived of their shepherd. But his death will not give victory to the forces of evil. On the contrary, when the cross is lifted from the earth by the executioners, Jesus will be 'lifted up to glory'. His death will not be a passing away, but a 'return' to his Father.

As Vatican II notes, 'It is in the face of death that the riddle of human existence grows more acute. Not only is man tormented by pain and by the advancing deterioration of his body, but even more so by a dread of perpetual extinction' (*Gaudium et Spes*, 18). In his humanity, Jesus is 'troubled' before his death. He incarnates all our fears and doubts, but places them in the hands of the Father who takes care of him and vindicates him through his resurrection from the dead.

## FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

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 PS

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.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

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

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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,

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We wish all the Mothers a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

Mamma

Mamma, solo per te la mia canzone vola,  
 mamma, sarai con me, tu non sarai più sola!  
 Quanto ti voglio bene!  
 Queste parole d'amore che ti sospira il mio cuore  
 forse non s'usano più,  
 mamma!  
 ma la canzone mia più bella sei tu!  
 Sei tu la vita  
 e per la vita non ti lascio mai più!

Sento la mano tua stanca: cerca i miei riccioli d'or.  
 Sento, la voce ti manca, La ninna nanna d'allor.  
 Oggi la testa tua bianca lo voglio strincere al cuor.  
 Mamma, solo per te la mia canzone vola,  
 Mamma, sarai con me tu non sarai piu' sola!  
 Quanto ti voglio bene!  
 Quest parole d'amore che ti sospira il mio cuore  
 Forse non s'usano piu'  
 Mamma!  
 Ma la canzone mia sei tu! Sei tu la vita  
 E per la vita non ti lascio mai piu'!  
 Mamma..... mai piu'!

**PRIVACY:** As a Parish we are obliged to follow a Privacy Policy. We always have to be respectful of one another's privacy and need from time to time to remind ourselves about good practice. Many groups in the Parish are given phone numbers so that they can carry out the ministry in which they are involved. The practice is that those numbers should **only** be used for that one purpose. The phone numbers should not be passed on without the permission of the person concerned or used for promotions.

### Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2017

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. Envelopes will be available. Thank you for your generosity.

### Annual Mass Count

Second week of Mass Count will take place this weekend at all Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank You.

### Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide—Why are we concerned?

Euthanasia & assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and suffering Just as we accompany someone at the start of life, so we are called to accompany our loved ones at the end of life, ensuring a good death. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and the suffering, of older and dying persons. We should be assuring people that their life – even as it ebbs away – is precious. We should not be creating laws that intentionally cause death. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: [www.cam.org.au/euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia)  
 Please collect your copy of the Pastoral Letter available in the Foyer. Thank you.

### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Frank Lindsey, Stenio Ross, Veronica Frigo

Death Anniversaries : Giuseppina Addamo, Giuseppe Frigo, Santa & Angelo Spadaford,

Emmanuel Camille, Paule Camille, Ernesto Rigoni

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

## PARISH DIARY

Tue 16th May @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Parish Office  
 Thurs 18th May @ 7pm—Scripture Studies in the Clifton Centre  
 Thurs 18th May @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Church  
 Sat 20th May @ 5.30pm—Sacrament of Eucharist—4B  
 Sat 20th May @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming

Collections Last Weekend  
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)  
 Actual — 1,968  
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)  
 Actual — 979  
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

### Sacramental Program 2017

Enrolment for Confirmation 2017 for children attending state schools, is now closed. We cannot accept any enrolment for candidates until 2018.

Enrolment for first communion 2017: Last date for enrolment is 31 May 2017. We cannot accept any enrolment after this date, until 2018. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

### CONFIRMATION :

Parents' Information Session: Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 7.30pm

Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 July 2017

Confirmation: 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

### FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

### Mario & Angela's Café

Next Café will be held on Sunday 28th May at 10am. All welcome.

First Holy Communion—Congratulations to all the children from St Clement of Rome School, who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend.

### We are in URGENT need of the following volunteers :

- 1) Projectionist—anyone wishing to operate the PowerPoint & Music for the weekend Masses Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9am.
- 2) PowerPoint presentation writers. Typing up the Mass on to the slides for weekend Masses.

Training will be provided to anyone interested. Please contact Mariangela at the Parish Office or leave your details on the clipboard provided in the Foyer. Thank You.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
13/14 May	Sacristan Elroy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	Reader May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers Rene De La Cruz	Anne Fusca
	Elroy De Witt	Rita Gagliardi
	Corinne Goh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti
		David Mitchell
20/21 May	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Reader John Bruce	Sylvie Duff
	Special Ministers Cecilia Lam	Gloria Ng
	Reg Lecordier	Maria Papalia
	Maree Marsi	Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca

### Property Information Sheet

#### Unauthorised parking on Parish and College land

Please read the information sheet on the Notice Board, outlines the rights and responsibilities of Parishes (including their Schools) and Colleges when unauthorised vehicles park on Parish/College land.

#### Visit from Little Sisters of the Poor on 27th/28th May weekend

Masses 5.30pm & 9am :Sister Josephine and Sister Veronika from Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish and would like to speak about their mission and how we can assist them.

#### Liturgical Formation Workshop

##### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass

This workshop offers biblical, spiritual and liturgical guidance for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during Mass. Thursday 15th June 2017, 7pm—9pm (light supper from 6.30pm) Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. More Info : Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation—9926 5761 [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au)