



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 17th May 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Alleluia - Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Services Today

9.30am	Said Mass with Family Ministry
Hymns:	265: S.3
11.00am	Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns:	466: 333: S.3: 265

688 Vocem iucunditatis

Introit With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory be to the Father...

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Christ is risen, and hath showed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. √. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

Offertory O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praise be to God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia.

Communion I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you, alleluia; And your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

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Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading - Acts Ch17 v22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The Second Reading - 1 Peter Ch3 v13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the

days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel - John Ch14 v15-21

¹⁵Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it

neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Post Communion

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Services This Week

All services are suspended until further notice due to the virus regulations.

Please remember in your prayers

Tony Renouf, Hazel and John Greany,
Christine Shaw, Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin,
Anthony De La Mare, Lorraine Lewis,
a woman battling with alcoholism,
Bridget, Roy Sarre,
Melvyn Boxall, Chris Bellinger and Janice Firth.