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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May 2020

Mother's Day

Like in most countries in the world, Mother's Day in Australia is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month May. People in Australia have family reunions to honour their mums and celebrate motherhood. A truly Australian Mother's Day gift is the Chrysanthemum. This flower is naturally in season in the month May and its name ends in "mum" which makes it the perfect gift. Wearing the Chrysanthemum on Mother's Day is a way to show respect and appreciation for mothers.

Today is Mothers' Day, and we celebrate all those innumerable times when we were rescued by the heart of a mother. Happy Mothers' Day to all of you mothers. We thank our mothers, pray for them, honour them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our prayers to God.

This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behaviour, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: **"An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy."**

What does motherhood mean?

It means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying, and giving birth to a human being is as close as any person can come to the act of creation. That is the beginning of motherhood. We are grateful to our mothers. And we are grateful to God for giving us our mothers, and for being the source and font of their motherhood. Mothers be assured, you are made every bit in God's image, and perhaps even more so than us who mirror only the fatherhood of God.

It is fitting that on Mothers' Day we reflect on the social application of motherhood. We must devote ourselves to ridding our social institutions of the violence and killing which have caused so many mothers so much pain and grief. We must try to imbue our institutions, including the church, with the ideals and attitudes of motherhood. We must strive for a society which reflects the nurturing, the sacrificing, and the loving of mothers. For then they will also reflect the nurturing, the sacrificing, and the loving of God, the mother of us all.

Howard Johnson defined a mother

M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell **"MOTHER"**

I would love to conclude with a **prayer & Happy Mother's Day to all you Mothers.** Heavenly Father, Bless all those You have entrusted with motherhood. Inspire them to follow the example of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, and follow her in her fidelity, humility, and selfless love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in Heaven. Amen.

With sincere Prayers and God's Blessings,
Fr.GEO FRANCIS MCBS

"Since prayer is a universal value, I welcome the proposal of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity that believers of all religions should unite spiritually on 14 of May for a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: on May 14, all believers together, believers of different traditions, to pray, fast, and perform works of charity."

Pope Francis

Knights Silver Circle: The winner of the 6th Draw held on 2nd May was Kay Ruhl of North Mackay with Ticket No. 29. Congratulations!

*Dear Parish Friends,
My family and I would like to thank you for your prayers and loving concern for my 2 sisters who have been battling cancer this last year.*

Neola Corby has Lymphoma but is currently in remission and Anne Feeney sadly went home to the Lord last Sunday 3rd May after a long painful fight with Mesothelioma.

God bless you all and your families with gratitude and love.

Lyn Paton



Women of The Way Retreat.

13th – 15th November

Watson Park Convention Centre

Reflect

Recharge

Renew

Reignite

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

-Psalm 119:105

How sweet to my tongue is your promise.

- Psalm 119:103



Scripture Readings

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR A

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17.

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:15-18.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21.

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Brian Carmichael, Scott Hines, Barry Guest, Rolf Germain, Pita Nepata, Norma Quinn, Marcus Neudecker, Neola Corby, Anne Feeney, Christina Peters, Samantha Pride, Terry Segrave, Rita Miles, Steven Williams, Rohan Somasekaran, Thomas Bird, Bradley Wright, Greg Olsson-Lalor, Nina & Raymond Dove, Tia Huff, Helen Chicken, Dorothy Davidson, John Engwicht, Vera Versace, Michelle Woodworth, Abbie Wellspring, Lloyd Mason, Sharon McCourt, Gina Morieni, Paige Hoffman, Nicole Blackburn, Amanda Moyle, Tim McNickle, Kyle Huff, Nathalie Bernon, Ghishiane Smidt, Patrick Bosworth & Kathy Bosua.

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