

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 65: 1-7, 16,20.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R.

SECOND READING – Peter 3: 15-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a

good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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16th & 17th May 2020

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Let's reflect...

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Angela Coutinho

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Christine Boustead, Beatrice Stocking

12th May, Update: General Guidelines approved by Most Rev. Peter Comensoli

The Easing of Restrictions during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic now allows for us in St. Kevin's Parish to open the church for the celebration of Mass on weekdays and to a small degree for private prayer. We will continue for the time being to have a recorded Mass for Sunday. At this time, we are limited to planning only for the month of May. We are also limited to 10 attendees only in the church at any one time.

Beginning this week

Two Masses (9.15am and 4.00pm) will be celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The church will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 12 midday, and on Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

There will be door monitors to ensure the number of attendees does not exceed 10, and who will direct people to the hand sanitiser and Records Book to enter their first name, contact number, date and time. There will be a seating plan in the church to ensure the proper distancing. Please observe the signs indicating the entry and exit points.

Invitation to register

Parishioners, who wish to attend a Mass, are invited to register from Tuesday morning. The number 10 will be arrived at according to the order of contact, namely 'first in, best dressed'! In the first instance, out of consideration for others, please register for only one Mass in the week.

The Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation will be able to proceed in the Reconciliation Room once a protective shield is in place. However as mentioned in last week's Bulletin requests should be made by personal arrangement with one of the priests.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Message for the catechists:

Thank you to all those who collected the work prepared for the Wednesday Catechism classes. The next set of lessons will be ready for collection on Wednesday May 20, unless children are back at school and then it will be classes as usual.

Mary Doherty

