SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Isaiah 48:20
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

COLLECT
Grant, almighty God,
That we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 14:15-16
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Almighty ever-living God,
Who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

“We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us; it is God’s present to us; we are the guardians of creation.”
—Pope Francis

GOD DOES NOT SEND PLAGUES TO TEACH US THINGS, THOUGH WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM
By Fr Richard Leonard SJ
“Everything in the Old Testament should be interpreted through the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. This matters when we come to understand the meaning of plagues and other natural disasters. For the peoples of the ancient world, if there was a flood, plague or pestilence then God was saying something through it. But in the Gospels Jesus never sends a plague, a natural disaster or turns anyone into a pillar of salt. If Jesus isn’t into murderous retribution, nor if we take him at his repeated word, is God the Father. Jesus is the incarnate correction to false views of how God works in the world.
So even though COVID-19’s origins are yet to be finally established, they have a natural explanation, and the way the virus has spread has been in measure the result of poor human decisions. God has not sent the pandemic upon us”.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE May 8, 2020
The Catholic bishops of Australia have today elected Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane to a second two-year term as president of the Australian Bishops Conference.
Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP was re-elected Conference vice-president. Four members of the Permanent Committee of the Bishops Conference were also elected today; Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB; Toowoomba Bishop Robert McGuckin; Adelaide Archbishop-Designate Patrick O’Regan; and Maronite Bishop of Australia Antonie-Charbel Tarrabay.

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The truth, and the life”
—John 14:18

Recent Deaths: Margaret Gleeson, Belhina Lay, Claire King (nee Miller), Norma Wright, Norma McCosh, Barry Nunn, Betty Allen (Aunt of Teresa Treffry)
Anniversaries: Maria Dowling, Frs Con Healy, Hussy and Stickland

The Word of God:
This Week: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17 / 1 Pt3: 15-18 / Jn 14: 15-21

Next Sunday is “The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord”

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment please phone 5561 1533

On-line “Mass on Demand North Sydney”
https://www.northsydneycatholics.com/spirituality/ liturgy/mass-on-demand

Holy Hour: Monday @ 10 am

Taking Place This Week
16th—World Day of Living Together in Peace
17th—World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
20th—Autoimmune Arthritis Day and Refugee Day
21st—World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22nd—Biological Diversity Day.

Congratulations Mr Joshua McElgunn, former teacher of OLHC who has been appointed as Principal of St Therese Primary School, Torquay. Mr McElgunn will finish as Principal of St Josephs Coleraine at the end of Term 3.

Thank you to all who volunteer for our Parish Family and Community.

Thanks to Parishioners who generously and attentively brought to the Presbytery Planned Giving, Project Compassion, Easter Offering Financial Support. Thanks to the Direct Givers

White is the colour of rejoicing

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“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE”
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Jesus said: I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.” John 14:16
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia!
◆ This week, remember Jesus’ promise that the Spirit of truth knows us and abides in us as we live and share Jesus’ message.
◆ Peace entails a conversation of heart and soul. It is a challenge that demands to be taken up anew. Pope Francis 2017

16 May—International Day of Living Together in Peace
Living together in peace is all about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognise and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way. The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The Day aims to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace and harmony. The Day invites to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliation measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals.

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. — St Teresa of Avila.

Day by day, The Holy Spirit prompts in us ways of thinking and speaking that can make us artisans of justice and peace. (Leunig)

Sunday — The Lord’s Day
Mass on Television:
6 am—Channel 10 WIN TV
Mass on Line:
Saturday, 5.30 pm “Mass on Demand North Sydney” (available then throughout Sunday)
8.30 am, from St Josephs Warrnambool on Facebook—St Josephs Warrnambool or YouTube—St Joseph’s Church Warrnambool.
Evening Prayer:
Meditating on the Resurrection of Jesus From the Dead.
Our Parish Family Prays at Home between 5—6 pm—The Lord’s Prayer; 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be. Alleluia

The most wonderful places to be in the world are: In someone’s thoughts. Someone’s prayers. And in someone’s heart.

Solitude
Solitude, a simple den,
A piece of paper and a pen,
A cup of tea, a piece of toast.
A window and the holy ghost.
Some calm, a table and a chair;
The mind is free, the soul is bare.
There’s love to make and life to hold.
The ancient tiny thread of gold
That runs through all the joy and gloom

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL
OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes. We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community upon whose land our parish resides.

WELCOME TO OLHC & ST. CARThAGE In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God’s all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are and whatever your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

Our Parish Vision “Bringing People together in an atmosphere that is welcoming, nurturing and challenges all to share in the Mystery of God’s Love.”

Spend everyday with the saints. “God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth.” St Catherine Siena (May)

Worth Watching
View ABC Compass 11am Sundays. “Songs of Praise” Sundays 11.30am on ABC.
Keep up to date with news in the Diocese. Register for Diocesan E News - enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au

On-line Learning:
Scripture, The Sacraments, Liturgy beginning 24th May
Registration 0407 523 424 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Enquiries—Dion Bartlett (Parishioner)

Enrolments for Our Lady of Christians School Opens on Monday 25th May. A virtual tour of the School is now online available. Enrolment forms are now available from 03 5562 5559 or admin@olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au. Enjoy the Virtual Tour of the School via link http://www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au/

Emmanuel College Enrolments For Years 8-12 for 2021 are now open. Information Packs are available.
If we do not have your email address please forward it to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au to receive Parish Bulletins

Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear

Pope’s Intention for May
For Deacons
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

Project Compassion
Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give. Thank you so much for your support

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