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### 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

**CHRIST AND WORRY:** We live in a pep-pill age – and age of sedatives, energy drinks and pick-me-ups. Pills and medications of many kinds have become the antidote to anxiety-complexes, fear-fixations, work-tensions, worry in its multiple forms. They have become the recognised remedy for heartaches, headaches and most of the other aches which affect the human body and spirit. They are the tonic for the neurotic, the balm for the balmy, the narcotic for the sleepless. Millions of these pills are poured down human throats every day. Tranquillisers certainly have their place in curing human troubles, ills and anxieties, but their indiscriminate use should have no place at all.

So many unnecessary worries arise from a false philosophy of life or from a wrong way of living. Sometimes it is because a person tries to live on a purely material level without giving any outlet to their spiritual nature. “Man cannot live by bread alone”, if he attempts to do so disaster can easily follow. Christ, on the eve of his departure, told his apostles “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me”. They had every reason to be sad; no doubt they felt the impending loss of leadership. They were bewildered, not knowing what was going to happen to them. Christ was telling them not to worry but to have confidence in him and in the providence of God.

This is a lesson we can all do well to learn. It is a lesson of peace of heart. The best tranquilliser in the world is prayer especially prayer of complete trust in God. This is a great help in creating that deep-down peace that is a requisite for good bodily and spiritual health. Christ said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. If we really believe that it should give us a tremendous confidence and strength of purpose, and hence far fewer pills to swallow.

#### **Masses and Prayers:**

**Mother's Day:** Today we acknowledge all mothers and the special role they have in our lives. As a tribute to our mothers living and deceased, I invite parishioners to write down the name of the mothers in their lives and perhaps place a photograph in a special space in the home with a white flower and candle. You could say a prayer as follows: ***Merciful God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, bless my mother this Mother's Day for her loving and nurturing ways. Through her love and care you graced me and formed me in so many ways. May the love you gave me through her be showered on her today and for all eternity. Amen.***

Brian Scully (ann.15/5), Geoffrey Pullen (ann.16/5), Marie Wakeham (ann.15/5), Habib Laurence Battikha (ann 9/5).



# Sunday Mass

10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

### **Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** (See Bulletin Liturgy Sheet)

#### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
**At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.**  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as a chosen race, a holy nation and God's own people, let us offer intercession in Jesus' name on behalf of all.*

1. For the Church, the temple built of the living stones: May her life always be marked by prayer and service to those in need. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. For our Federal and State Governments and all Health Authorities: May they continue to persevere with wisdom and care in their efforts to combat the Covid19 pandemic and to keep the nation safe from further outbreaks of the virus. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. For all mothers on this their special day: May we have a greater appreciation and respect for them as we thank God for their constant care and nurture. May their children continually rise and call them blessed and be grateful for their love, guidance and example. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. For the widowed members of our community, for the hungry, the homeless and for all who are in need: May our devotion manifest itself in generous deeds of practical charity. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For ourselves as living stones in a spiritual house: May we work with the energy and courage of the Holy Spirit. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. For our departed: May they be happy forever in the Father's house and in the place Jesus has prepared for them. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. For greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Spiritual Vessel: May she lead us to Christ, the cornerstone of the Temple. **HAIL MARY.**

*We thank you, Father most holy, for the wonders of your generous care.  
Show again your love for us as we call upon you, through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.*

## **Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## **Our Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come and untie myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

May Almighty God bless us all, the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God!

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