

St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, the true vine, invites us not just to set our hope upon him, but to make our home in him. So in our worship we celebrate and deepen our connection with the One who has made us, redeemed us and lives in us.

9.00 am	Said Mass	Fr Graham
10.00 am	Parish Mass	
President and Preacher		Fr Graham
Readings		Ian Franklin
Intercessions		Sister Julie
6.00pm Evening Prayer		Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 296, 310, 276

During the Week

Tues 30th Pandita Mary Ramabai 19.00 Said Mass Fr Graham

Thurs 2nd St Athanasius 10.00 Said Mass Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

Intercessions

We give thanks that God's perfect love casts out fear, grateful for how God's love has enfolded us at times when we have been afraid.

We pray for areas of conflict where fear and hostility run rampant, asking for God's love to reign and restore peace.

We pray for the unity of God's Church, asking for God's love to shine brightly among us, whatever our differences.

We pray for anyone we know who has turned away from faith in God's love, asking for it to be rekindled.

We pray for anyone we know who hardly knows what it is to be loved, asking for God's love to break through into their life.

We pray for the sick, the infirm, and the lonely, especially those known to us.

We pray for those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week:

Charles Brown, Brenda Cameron, Vera Franklin, Gwenneth Murray, Beatrice Storey.

**Please use this sheet
in your prayers**

Next Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

We come together to rejoice in Christ's love and to ask ourselves how we can show his love to others.

First Reading

Acts 10:44-end

The Holy Spirit is given to new Gentile believers, showing that the message of Jesus is for all.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes in Jesus is born of God, and when we love God, we obey the commandments, which are not burdensome.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus loves us, as the Father loves him. If we love him we will obey his commandments, the most important of which is that we should love one another.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President and Preacher

Fr Graham

Readings

Geraldine Rainey

Intercessions

Andrew Mould

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Mtr Linda

Notices

Spring Fayre 1st June. See Sally to volunteer

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First Reading**Acts 8:26-end**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22: 25-30

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
He has saved my life for himself; my descendents shall serve him;
This shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

Second Reading**1John 4:7-end**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 15:1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.