

# Our Weekly Prayers

Sunday Church	5th May	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, Abp Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto
Diocese		Pray for the Ministry Units of the Northern Region. Area Dean: Michael Lindsay
The World		For the Prime Minister of Australia, the State Premiers and all MPs.
Our Ministry Unit		For our ministry at Bolton Clarke Retirement Village
Those in need		For all families in crisis
Anniversary		
Monday Church	6th May	Pray for the Diocese of Egba, Bp Emmanuel Adekunle (Nigeria)
Diocese		Pray for the Ministry Units of the Peninsular Region. Area Dean: Annette Woods
The World		For the refugees of the world
Our Ministry Unit		For those who look after the grounds
Those in need		For those who see no purpose in life
Anniversary		James Barrett (2017)
Tuesday Church	7th May	Pray for the Diocese of Egba-West, Bp Samuel Oludele Ogundeji (Nigeria)
Diocese		Pray for the Ministry Units of the Torres Strait Region. Area Dean: Chris Wright
The World		For the peoples and rulers of the countries of Europe
Our Ministry Unit		For those on the fringe of our Ministry Unit
Those in need		For those with life-threatening diseases
Anniversary		Ross Mott (2012), Donald Woodhouse (2022)
Wednesday Church	8th May	Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d.1417)
Diocese		Pray for the Diocese of Egbu, Bp Geoffrey E Okorafor (Nigeria)
The World		Pray for the Bishop's Personal Assistant, Shelley Thomas
Our Ministry Unit		For the children of the world
Those in need		For those who serve as Eucharistic Assistants
Anniversary		For all people with disabilities Graham Ackrill (1999)
Thursday Church	9th May	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> Pray for the Diocese of Egypt, Abp Samy Fawzy (Egypt)
Diocese		Pray for the members of Diocesan Council
The World		For those who teach others, especially the staff of our local schools
Our Ministry Unit		For the Staff and Students of the Cathedral School
Those in need		For the poor and destitute
Anniversary		
Friday Church	10th May	Pray for the Diocese of Eha-Amufu, Bp Daniel Nkemjika Olinya (Nigeria)
Diocese		Pray for the Honorary Canons and Canons Emeritus.
The World		For all members of minority groups
Our Ministry Unit		For the Bishop, Registry Staff, Diocesan Council and Diocesan Executive
Those in need		For those unable to communicate with those around them
Anniversary		Peter Longrigg (2015)
Saturday Church	11th May	Pray for the Diocese of Ekiti, Bp Andrew Olushola Ajayi (Nigeria)
Diocese		Pray for the Rectors of the Ministry Units of the Diocese
The World		For the peoples and rulers of the countries of South America
Our Ministry Unit		For work of Anglicare in Townsville
Those in need		For all victims of violence - especially those in their own homes
Anniversary		

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter 5 May, 2024

### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday Eucharists:

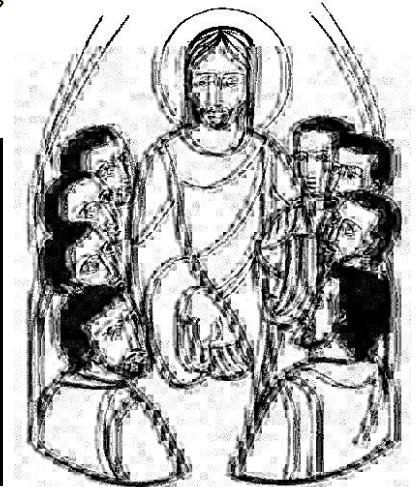
5.00pm (Sat) St Margaret's, Magnetic Island  
7.15am St Mark's, Belgian Gardens  
9.00am St James' Cathedral

#### Monday to Friday:

8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist  
St James Cathedral

#### Wednesday Eucharists:

12 noon St James' Cathedral  
5.30pm St James' Cathedral



### Welcome to our worship this weekend.

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us, and we invite you to stay behind and join us before the service at St Margaret's or after the services at St Mark's or St James for a cuppa.

We are a warm and welcoming church, accepting of all God's people; a diverse congregation in age and backgrounds; a place where everyone is valued for who they are now and not just what they might become; a place where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith, hope and love.

For more information about us, or about weekday services, Baptisms, Weddings, and other activities in the Ministry Unit, please speak with someone over morning tea or contact Fr Kenneth directly on 0422 148 952.

As a congregation we acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples. as Traditional Owners of the land on which our churches are built. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future. We value the traditions, cultures and aspirations of the First Australians of this land and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

## MINISTRY UNIT DIRECTORY

**Dean:** Fr Kenneth Lay  
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## THANKSGIVING

Please consider direct deposit for your freewill offering to God's work in the Ministry Unit,  
**Account Name: Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account**  
**BSB: 034 222 Account Number: 250713**

ANFIN also offers a direct giving option. There are brochures on the back table to complete. It is also possible to complete and lodge the application online. If you wish to do this, please email Fr Kenneth (kenneth700@gmail.com) and he will send you the link.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Event
Sunday	5th	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
		7.15am Eucharist at St Mark's
		9.00am Eucharist at St James
		2.00pm Wedding in the Cathedral
		6.00pm Evensong
Monday	6th	8.30am Morning Prayer / Eucharist
		1.30pm Eucharist at Bolton Clarke
		8.30am Morning Prayer / Eucharist
Tuesday	7th	10.00am Official Opening of Diocesan Archives
		7.00am Bible Study
Wednesday	8th	8.30am Morning Prayer
		11.00am Bible Study at St James
		12.00pm Eucharist
		5.30pm Eucharist
		8.30am Morning Prayer
Thursday	9th	9.00am Eucharist and MUC Meeting, Ayr
		4.00pm MUC Meeting, Bowen
		8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
		5.00pm Eucharist, Georgetown
Friday	10th	9.00am Friends of the Cathedral Meeting
		10.00am Eucharist at Croydon
		5.00pm Eucharist at St Margaret's
Saturday	11th	<b>Ascension Sunday</b>
		7.15am Eucharist at St Mark's
		8.00am Eucharist at Normanton
		9.00am Eucharist at St James
		5.00pm Confirmation at Mount Isa
Sunday	12h	

## MORE SERVICES TODAY

At 2pm this afternoon Andre Bryde and Anna Rodriguez and their guests will come to St James Cathedral for their wedding. Being the first Sunday of the month, there will be a service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer at 2pm. **Being an "odd" month, there is no meeting of the Ministry Unit Council this afternoon.**

## FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends of the Cathedral will take place at 9am on Saturday (11th May). The Friends of the Cathedral is open to anyone who wishes to come along. Everyone is welcome.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF ARCHIVES

The office of the Archives on the Diocese is located in the rear part of the Diocesan Office and will be officially dedicated in loving memory of our dear Archivist, Anne Watkins. Anne worked tirelessly in her role as Diocesan Archivist. She died on 25 March last year.



## BIBLE STUDIES ON WEDNESDAY

Please feel welcomed to come along to the Wednesday Bible Studies at 7am and 11am. Each week is a separate study, so it is not an issue if you can't make it weekly. The Bible passage for this week is: John 16:12-15

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Tracey, Annabel (baby), Betty Daly, Colleen Malcolm, Bronwyn & Stephen Wilson, Matthew Latimer, Lyn Byway, Karina Roberts, Larry Campbell, Millanna Davey, Kloudya Pollard, Betty McDonald, Trevor Baldock and the residents of the nursing homes. **To add someone's name to this list, you must first get their permission, then let Fr Kenneth or Rev Shirley know.**



## IT'S BACK OUT TO THE GULF ON FRIDAY

Fr Kenneth and Bishop Keith will be heading west on Friday for an extra Gulf and West tour with services in Georgetown (Friday), Croydon (Saturday) and Normanton (Sunday). Then it's down to Mount Isa for the confirmation of Liam James Stalling. Prayers pls.

## ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day is "officially" 40 days after Easter (and 10 days before Pentecost). This always places it on a Thursday. The current practice in the church is to transfer this celebration to the Sunday following, so that more people will be able to attend this important day in the life of the church.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

It's a new month, so it's a new Mission. Thank you to those who supported the RI in Schools Mission last month. This month we are support "The Stable". This is an annual event where Townsville is invited to experience the Christmas Story which brings a gift of hope, life and meaning to the those who come along.

## ARE YOU VISITING?

Thank you for sharing this worship with us this morning. If you would like to contribute to the funds of the Cathedral, you can use the QR code here, or place your offering on the offertory plate during the hymn.

Your contribution supports the ministry of our churches.



## WHERE TO FIND US...

We are on the web, Instagram and Facebook. To keep up to date, visit us often in both places:  
Web: [www.stjamescathedral.com.au](http://www.stjamescathedral.com.au)  
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## FIND THE WORD

All the words in the following grid are taken from some of this week's readings. Once you have found them in the grid, find them in the reading sheet and underline them there.

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| ASK          | BEAR       | BELIEVES   | BLOOD      |
| BORN         | BURDENSOME | BUT        | CAME       |
| CHILD        | CHOOSE     | CHOSE      | CHRIST     |
| COMMANDMENTS | COMPLETE   | CONCERNING | CONQUERS   |
| DOWN         | ETERNAL    | EVERYONE   | EVERYTHING |
| FAITH        | FATHER     | FRIENDS    | FRUIT      |
| GAVE         | GOD        | GREATER    | HEARTS     |
| HUMAN        | JESUS      | JOY        | KEEP       |
| KNOW         | LAST       | LAY        | LIAR       |
| LIFE         | LONGER     | LOVED      | LOVES      |
| MADE         | MASTER     | NAME       | OBEY       |
| ONLY         | OUR        | PARENT     | RECEIVE    |
| SERVANTS     | SPIRIT     | TESTIFIES  | TESTIMONY  |
| THEIR        | THREE      | TRUTH      | VICTORY    |
| WATER        | WHATEVER   | WHOEVER    | WORLD      |

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Read: John 15:9-17



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or "gnosis", as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are many words for love that are used in this passage. The one is "agape". Another is "philia". The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

### Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15:16

### Collect

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is our true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

The response to the verses of Psalm 98 is:

The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has

done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

### A reading from the first letter of St John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his

commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

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

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 15, beginning at the 9th verse (15:9-17)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



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