

5th Sunday of Easter – Year A

2nd / 3rd May 2026



Acts 6:1-7

Jesus' disciples were increasing in number. One group murmured against another that their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. The disciples met and said it was not right that they should give up the ministry of the word to wait tables. The apostles prayed and laid hands on them and the word of God increased.

1 Peter 2:4-9

Peter challenged his hearers to come to the "living stone," Jesus, and to be living stones themselves. They were a "chosen race," a "royal priesthood," and a "holy nation." They were "God's own people," and were bearing witness to Jesus Christ.

Next Week:

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Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

John 14:1-12

Jesus was preparing his disciples for his departure. They were confused and upset. But Jesus promised them a bright future regardless of his physical absence. He said, "He who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works that these will he do, because I do to the Father." He said he would still be with them in spirit.

Universal Prayers

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1. For those who are coping with fatally ill or dying family members or friends, that they will find the courage and the faith to endure. We pray to the Lord.
2. For those who are ambitious for wealth and prosperity, that they will balance these goals with moral and spiritual values. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those who failed the challenge of a lifetime, that they may discover a new world of surprising opportunities. We pray to the Lord.
4. For those who possess unused skills or service, that they may be inspired to use their gifts so that both they and others will be blessed. We pray to the Lord.
5. For those who are depressed and in despair, that they will encounter a new light of opportunity and rediscover life. We pray to the Lord.
6. For those who think they have seen everything that matters, that they will be granted eyes for seeing new worlds of possibility. We pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Requiem Mass for John Back

Tuesday 5th May, 11:00am

Confessions

Wednesday 6th May, 11:00am

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2 nd	Virginia Wendy Tupou
Sunday 3 rd	Karl & Eileen Bucher
	Terry McConville
Tuesday 5 th	Special Intention
Wednesday 6 th	Special Intention
Thursday 7 th	Gonzalo & Fina Diaz
Friday 8 th	Mark Lastman

Diary Dates

Choir Practice	Tuesday 5 th May	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 6 th May	9:30am	Parish Hall
Conversations	Thursday 7 th May	10:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 7 th May	5:00pm	Chapel
Scripture Study	Tuesday 12 th May	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 13 th May	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Morning Tea	Thursday 14 th May	10:15am	Parish Hall
CWL Meeting	Monday 18 th May	10:30am	Parish Hall
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 24 th May	4:00pm	STA Church
Crafternoon	Friday 29 th May	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Corpus Christi Feast Day	Sunday 7 th June	Noon	Parish Hall

Feast Day Celebrations

The weekend 6th /7th June we celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join other parishioners – after 9:30am Mass on the 7th June, for a period of Eucharistic Adoration, then from 12noon lunch in the parish hall.

A catered 2 course meal including drinks \$25 per adult, \$15 children (under 15 years old).

Especially invited are new parishioners and those who have not attended before.

Bookings are essential for catering.

Drop into the parish office or place an envelope into one of the collection plates at Mass



Gratitude from Kairos participants

The Kairos four-day Short Course was completed at the Nowra Correctional Centre late last month. Pam and Edwin report that it was joyful to see their hearts gradually change. Ten Progressive talks, short meditations, cooked meals by our outside volunteers and much hearty singing, lifted everyone's spirits. It also had the Prison officers in awe.

Participants ate heartily, savouring those cookies to a point where we rationed them for their own good.

Our Parish contributed significantly with seventy dozen biscuits/cookies.

Above all, and treasured most, were the 169 letters and cards from our parishioners.

Some participants (inmates) were too emotional to even read until doing so in their private moments. Never so many letters received. Some tears flowed.

In total participants letters from our 32 volunteers were combined and equally divided amongst the 30 participants, each receiving 47 letters. God's unconditional love was undeniable and was received with renewed hearts. We thank God for witnessing miracles of healing and forgiveness. Thank you for your prayers and in your kindness remember them in your ongoing prayers.

Hear from Pope Leo XIV

Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

Conversations

During the month of May there will be two conversation mornings:

7th May: Guest speaker Petrea King, founder of "Quest for Life" in Bundanoon. Petrea will talk about her experience in Assisi.

28th May: Guest speaker Dame Catherine McGrath, Catherine will share national & international experience of the role of women in the Church.

Conversations are held in the parish hall beginning at 10:30am, All welcome.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The parish Catholic Grandparents ministry will gather on Monday, 11th May for 1 hr commencing with a cuppa at 10.30 a.m. at John and Geraldine Dayball's home in Mittagong. Grandparents, godparents are very welcome.

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