



## St Alban's Parish Church



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May The Fifth Sunday of Easter May Devotion

We celebrate the devotion of Mary and her faithful obedience to God.

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda  
Sr Julie

**Readings**  
**Intercessions** Geraldine Rainey  
**Eucharistic Minister** John Hotchin

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Fr Graham

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** Sheet

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#### During the Week

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** 19.00 **Said Mass** Fr Graham  
**Thur 7<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 **Said Mass** Fr Graham

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

#### Intercessions

**We pray for** God's people; that they may faithfully proclaim Jesus as the way, the truth and the life.

**We pray for** the leaders of nations and for all who hold authority and power; that those living in darkness may hear and respond to God calling them into light and life.

**We pray for** ourselves and the communities in which we live, work and worship; that we may share Christ's love in all our relationships and see his presence in all those we encounter, both friend and stranger.

**We pray for** all who are distressed, grieving or despairing; that they may hear Jesus saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled", and know his peace.

**We give thanks** for the Easter promise of eternal life and remember those who now rest in peace, especially those whose years mind falls this week: Beatrice Storey, Tony Neale, Eileen Henri, Grace Jackson, Nan Patrick, Kenneth Stone, Ian Napier.

## Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

We meet to worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, whose love for all creation is unconditional and everlasting. Today we're thinking about how Jesus asked the Father to send the Spirit of truth to live in all who love him, to be their comforter, advocate and guide.

#### Readings

**First Reading** **Acts 17:22-31**  
Paul teaches the Athenians that their "unknown God" is the Lord of heaven and earth who made the world and raised Jesus from the dead.

**Second Reading** **1 Peter 3:13-end**  
Advice for the faithful, and assurance that we are blessed even in suffering. Just as Noah and his family were saved through water, baptism now saves us – not by physically cleaning us, but by cleansing our souls.

**Gospel** **John 14:15-21**  
Jesus asks those who love him to do what he has commanded and promises that God loves them and will send them the Holy Spirit.

#### Services

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** John Appleby  
**Intercessions** Jim Hickey  
**Eucharistic Minister** Sue Storey

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Jim Weller

#### Notices

**PCC meeting** This Tuesday after Mass  
**Fr Ron's Funeral** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am.  
**Spring Fair** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 13.00-15.00

#### Stewardship

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## First Reading      Isaiah 7: 10 – 14, 8: 10

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men

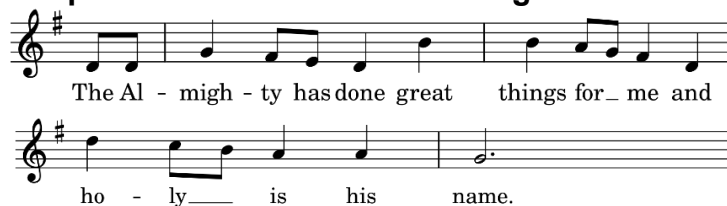
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."

## Responsorial Psalm:      The Magnificat



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ♦  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly  
servant. ♦ From this day all generations will call  
me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty has done great things for me ♦  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation. **R.**

He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,  
casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly. **R.**

He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to  
remember his promise of mercy. ♦  
The promise he made to our ancestors, to  
Abraham and his children for ever. **R.**

## Second Reading      Hebrews 10: 4 – 10

Bulls' blood and goats' blood are useless for taking away sins, and this is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first: *You did not* want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: *the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin*, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will*. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this *will* was for us to be made holy by the *offering* of his *body* made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you among women, blest is your son, the Lord Jesus.

You have shown to us hope of heaven, joy of life.

Alleluia!

## Gospel      Luke 1: 26 – 38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

