

# St. Mary of the Angels, Geelong

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## Daily Reflections

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**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

*6<sup>th</sup> week of Easter*

*Acts 16: 11-15, Psalm 149: 1-6, 9. R. v. 4, John 15: 26 – 16: 4*

***Reflections: Come , Live in the Light.***

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus saying to the disciples: 'You have been with me' This is a reminder of the first call the disciples received: to be with Jesus. The second call is to mission, to be sent out as witness to the person and the way of Jesus. The reading from Acts tells us the beautiful story of Lydia, a devout craftswoman, sitting at the riverbank, the customary place for prayer. Imagine yourself at a riverbank, or somewhere outside familiar to you. Become aware of the presence of Jesus. What do you hear him saying to you today?



**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

***Acts 16: 22-34, Psalm 137: 1-3, 7-8. R. v. 7, John 16: 5-11.***

***Reflection. ‘Now I am going to the one you sent me’.***

In today’s reading from Acts the gaoler asks Paul and Silas, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus’. This is an invitation to relationship. For the gaoler, what flowed from this relationship was hospitality of heart in action: bathing the wounds of the two disciples, inviting them home, sharing a family meal with them. This story shows the power of living the Gospel in a way that has the capacity to attract others and to be transformative. Reflect on what you are doing that might transform the lives of others. Today, choose to do something that brings hope and joy to another person.



**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

*6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter*

*Acts 17: 15, 22 \_ 18: 1, Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14, John 16: 12-15.*

***Reflection***      ***Heaven and earth are filled with your Glory***

In today's reading from Acts, Paul is at his stirring best preaching to the Council of the Aeropagus in Athens. Imagine yourself sitting there among the listeners. Paul reveals to them 'the Unknown God'. He urges them, and all nations to "seek the deity and by feeling their way towards him, succeed in finding him'. How encouraging to be assured that this God is the creator, giving life and breath to everything, yet remaining intimate with each of us. God 'is not far from any of us, since in him we live and move and have our very being. Carry this intimate message in your heart today. Read Paul's words slowly, pausing at anything that moves you. Seek and welcome the gift of intimacy with God into the depths of your being today.



**THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

*6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter*

*Acts 18: 1-8, Psalm 97: 1-4, R. cf. v. 2., John 16: 16-20.*

***Reflection The Lord takes delight in his people.***

Jesus seems to speak in riddles in today's Gospel: 'In a short time you will no longer see me... then you will see me again.' The apostles seek answers and meaning from Jesus. Rather than give answers, Jesus invites us more deeply into a relationship with him. Open your hands and heart. Share simply with Jesus your own desire to be able to live with your questions which might be without answers. Become aware of his presence, surrendering the impulse to understand and control everything.

And when you reach the turn  
In the river, stand back noting the bend  
a question mark  
asking the whitebaiters where  
will you set your nets  
and asking of you where  
is your deep down self.  
And you keep faith with the river  
By resting on a strong log  
Allowing the river to question you.  
The river mirrors the sky  
And braves your soul.



John 16. 16-20

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

*Acts 18: 9-18, Psalm 46: 2-7. R. v. 8., John 16: 20—23.*

**Reflection**    *I am with you always – even until the end of time.*

In today's readings from Acts, the Lord assures Paul: 'I am with you. Do not be afraid to speak out.' Imagine yourself in the company of Jesus. Breathe in his presence. Talk with him about those things in your life which arouse anxiety or any chaos in the world that troubles you. Ask Jesus for the gift of serenity and reassurance. Imagine your anxieties and fears dissolving. Breathe in reassurance. Breathe in serenity. Breathe in the heartfelt gift of knowing that the Lord is with you today.



**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

**Acts 18: 23-28, Psalm 46: 2-3, 8-10. R. v. 8, John 16: 23-28.**

*Reflection This is the day the Lord has made –  
Let us rejoice and be glad.*

In Acts we read that by God's grace, Apollos was able to help the believers considerably. In John's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to ask anything from the Father, in the name of Jesus. Then our joy will be complete. In the 1970s there was a song in the show Godspell, "Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day." This is an intimate request. Let this be the grace we ask for today. We can be confident that it will be given in abundance to see Jesus, to love him and to follow him each day.



# *The Ascension of the Lord*

