

St Andrew's Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Newsletter for May 16th 2021
10.00am Mass in Church
Celebrant and Preacher; Br John

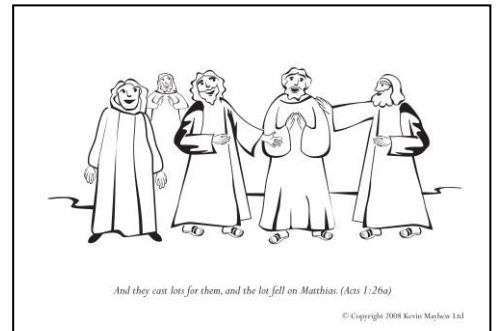
Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading

Acts 1;15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus--for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.



Gospel

John 17;6-19

Jesus said, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pam. Jonathan. Charlotte. Penny.

For those who have recently died: Tabita Mbock Banyongen

Anniversary of death: Nell Fielding, Joan Jones

Birthdays: Sonia, Audrey Robinson, and we remember Fr Henley whose 90th birthday would have been 11th May. Shebina

Notices

- Please remember if you light a candle to pray for someone to pay for the candle. Candles are 10p each. A box for coins is provided.
- Annual Parish Meeting after Mass today. On Zoom.

A Poem to pray with

Some who climbed a mountain high
glimpsed the truth – and fell, dumbfounded:
was your honour not disclosed
when the Father's voice resounded? Hallelujah!

Yet a greater glory shone
when you faced humiliation,
when you suffered in our place,
crucified for our salvation; hallelujah!

And your resurrection proved
sin's oppressive grasp was ended,
for you rose as living Lord
and in triumph you ascended; hallelujah!

What a hope we now possess,
far surpassing earthly measure
for your Spirit thrills our hearts
with a taste of heaven's treasure! Hallelujah!

When in splendour you return
every knee shall bow before you!
Come, our King, and take your throne – hallelujah!
We adore you! Hallelujah!

Martin E. Leckebusch