

Our Weekly Prayers

Sunday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	28th April Pray for the Diocese of Pray for those whose task it is to advise the Bishop For Trade Unions and their members For our Archdeacons: Chris Wright, Kenneth Lay, Annette Woods, Jeff Coop and Rosemary Dunn For those who contemplate suicide	The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	29th April Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the staff of the Diocesan Offices in Townsville For the work of the World Health Organisation For our Area Dean: Rev Canon John McKim For those who are suffering with AIDS related diseases	Catherine of Sienna, spiritual teacher (d.1380)
Tuesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	30th April Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the support BCA gives to remote Ministry Units For all people in positions of authority For those who decorate our church For those who are unable or unwilling to accept help from others Thomas Williamson (1988)	
Wednesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	1st May Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the Bishop of North Queensland, Bp Keith Joseph For our Country For our Rector and Dean: Fr Kenneth For those who do not know God	The Feast of St Philip and St James
Thursday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	2nd May Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the Archbishop of Brisbane and Metropolitan of Queensland For our neighbouring countries in the Pacific Region Pray for clergy that support the cathedral For the aged and lonely	Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria (d. 373)
Friday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	3rd May Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the Ministry Units of the Southern Region Area Dean: Rosemary Dunn For our neighbouring countries in Asia For our those involved in Prison Ministry For those who look after others	
Saturday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	4th May Pray for the Diocese of Pray for the Ministry Units of the Central Region. Area Dean: John McKim For all retired people For the Ministry Unit Wardens, members of the Ministry Unit Council (MUC) and the Cathedral Chapter For those suffering with mental diseases George Knack, pr (2010)	

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April, 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.

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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

Sunday	28th	The Fifth Sunday of Easter
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at St James
Monday	29th	7.00am Fr Keneth leaves for Cairns
	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	Eucharist at Bolton Clarke
Tuesday	30th	8.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	1st	7.00am Bible Study
	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Bible Study at St James
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Eucharist
Thursday	2nd	8.30am Morning Prayer / Eucharist
	11.00am	Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers
	7.00pm	Franciscan Tertiaries meet at St Mark's
Friday	3rd	8.30am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
Saturday	4th	11.00am Baptism at the Cathedral
	4.00pm	Cathedral School Concert in the Cathedral
	5.00pm	Eucharist at St Margaret's
Sunday	5th	The Sixth Sunday of Easter
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at St James
	2.00pm	Wedding in the Cathedral
	6.00pm	Evensong

More than a church - We are a family

TRAVELLING AGAIN

Fr Kenneth heads off to Cairns again, early tomorrow morning for an Anglicare Board meeting. He will return around the middle of the day on Tuesday.
On Thursday he will leave straight after the 8.30am service in the cathedral and head up to Charters Towers for a midday service and a Ministry Unit Council later in the afternoon.

WEDDING NEXT SUNDAY

Please keep Andre Bryde and Anna Rodriguez in your prayers this week, as they prepare for their wedding early next Sunday afternoon.



Next Sunday is a first Sunday of the month, so there will be a service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer at 6.00pm. It's a Choral Evensong. We give thanks to God for the talent of those who come to sing in our choir.

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 15:1-8 (the same as today)



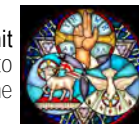
Sexual Abuse contact line: 1800 242 544 or 07 3835 2266

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.



THE CALENDAR FOR MAY "Connections", the Ministry Unit Calendar for May is ready for your to collect this morning. Please pick one up from the table before you leave.



THIS SATURDAY'S CONCERT

The next in the Saturday Concert Series will be at 4pm on Saturday at the Cathedral. The concert will be undertaken by the music students from the Cathedral School. Entry is by donation. As well as raising some funds for the Cathedral, the concerts give local musicians a chance to perform and this will well worth your support.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month, April, we are supporting RI in schools. The aim is to raise enough money to provide for a full time teacher to undertake this ministry alongside the volunteers who continue to visit schools in Townsville. We need to reach as many children as we can to share the stories of our faith.

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
Facebook: St James' Cathedral, Townsville
Instagram: @cathedral.tsv

FIND THE WORD

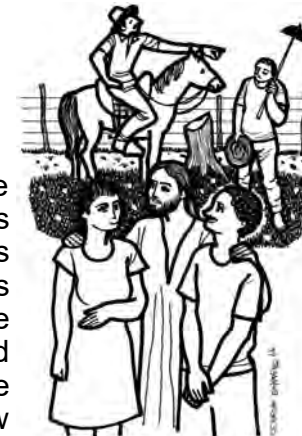
All the words in the following grid are taken from some of this week's readings. Once you have found them in the grid, find them in the reading sheet and underline them there.

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AZOTUS	BAPTIZED	BEFORE	BESIDE
CAESAREA	CANDACE	CHARGE	CHARIOT
COMMANDED	DENIED	DESCRIBE	DOWN
ENTIRE	ETHIOPIAN	EUNUCH	GENERATION
GET	GOOD	GUIDES	HOME
HUMILIATION	INVITED	ISAIAH	JERUSALEM
JESUS	JOIN	JUSTICE	LAMB
LORD	MOUTH	NEWS	OFFICIAL
OPEN	PASSAGE	PASSING	PHILIP
PREVENT	PROCLAIMED	PROPHET	QUEEN
RAN	READING	REGION	REJOICING
RETURNING	ROAD	SAID	SCRIPTURE
SEATED	SHEARER	SHEEP	SILENT
SIT	SLAUGHTER	SNATCHED	SOMEONE
SOUTH	SPIRIT	STARTING	THROUGH
TOWARD	TOWNS	TREASURY	UNDERSTAND
UNLESS	WATER	WILDERNESS	WORSHIP

Background on the Gospel Reading

Read: John 15:1-8



Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

Sentence

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11

Collect

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The

eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

The response to the verses of Psalm 22 is:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly, I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!'

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection

in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord: my branches bear much fruit.

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 1st verse

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ