

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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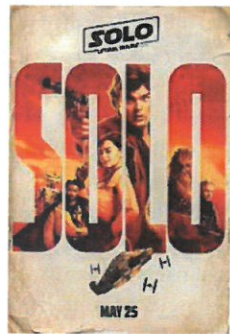
Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv. • Assistant Priest: Fr. Gerard Lofranco, OFM Conv.

**JOIN OUR FETE COMMITTEE!** Our parish Fete is fast coming up on **20 October, 2018** and we could use your help. Please call the parish office if you can help us raise funds. Next meeting takes place on Wednesday **9 May 2018** at 7.30 pm in the parish office.

**COUNSELLING AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE** Individual counselling, group therapy, addictions (alcohol, drug or gambling), couple counselling, grief and loss, general. Please call the parish office for information or to make an appointment. All appointments are confidential.

**HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL IN 2020?** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" For more info, visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!** The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts and/or let us know if you would like to be part of this special consultation session. Visit: [surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen](http://surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen)



**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT** Join us on **Friday, 8 June**, at 6.45 sharp at Castle Hill Event Cinemas when we'll be watching **Solo, A Star Wars Movie**. The parish movie night starts without previews! Profits help support the church renovations. (See a priest to purchase a ticket!)

**M&M Q&A** Have questions about the last parish movie night? Join us on the **12 May** for the Saturday night Mass at 6pm. Following the Mass, we will gather in the parish office for a presentation and then discussion about St. Mary Magdalene. Contact the office to let us know if you can make it so we can have seats ready. Bringing a plate to share makes the night extra special! Finger foods preferred!

**COME CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY AS THE CHURCH!** **Sunday, 20 May**, is Pentecost Sunday, the day the Church was born! Our annual feast will start with 11am Mass and move onto a multi-cultural lunch. Please bring a plate to share. All are invited to dress in traditional clothing of your home country. We will also offer an updated presentation from our architect with the final plans on the Church renovation starting about 1pm, immediately after lunch and Joe Apap's entertainment, in the new hall. **Please sign the clipboard in the foyer of the Church if you are able to bring a plate to share on this special day.**



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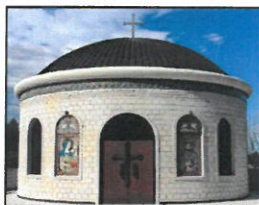
**YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT** happens this **Friday, 4 May** starting at 7.30 pm! Come chill after work or uni and enjoy meeting some fun young adults. Visit [youngadultsolor@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsolor@gmail.com) for more information.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP** is **Sunday, 6 May!** All in high school (Year 7-12) are invited to attend the 6pm Mass and then stay for fun, faith and pizza in the New Hall until 8.30pm. See [outhgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:outhgroupolor@gmail.com) for more information. Make sure you sign up on our youth bulletin board to receive further news about future events.

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS** Our First Holy Communions will take place on **12, 19 and 26 May**, at special **4pm Saturday Masses**; and on **13, 20 and 27 May** at the **Sunday 11am Masses**. Please continue to pray for our First Communicants and their families. If you plan to attend the 11am Sunday Mass on those dates, be aware that it might be extra full and you may need to give yourself additional time to park and get a seat.

**ANNULMENTS WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** Each year, CatholicCare Solo Parent Services presents a Seminar to assist people in understanding the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone interested. The next seminar takes place on **Wednesday, 16 May** from 7 to 9 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Off-street parking on Victoria Road. Registration is essential; Visit [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) to register or call Rita on 8843 2575 for more information or with questions.

Thank you for last week's collection of **\$3,083.65**



**FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**  
Br. Jerry Payne OFM Conv.  
6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Reconciliation.  
Open daily 6am to 6pm. Come visit and pray in this place of quiet beauty.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Thalia Basa, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Adrian Bugeja, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Leonie Hite, Kim Kenna, Doydoy Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Andrea Bioco, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Lily Eyles, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gularte, Monty Roughie, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo

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THE FRIARS CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO  
**THE FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GARDEN OF THE IMMACULATE**  
**SATURDAY, 19 MAY 2018**  
**MASS 11.00AM**  
FOLLOWED BY GARDEN TOURS AND LUNCH IN THE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED UNDER THE SHRINE  
8 GREYFRIAR PLACE, KELLYVILLE, NSW 2155

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own homes. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12-seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541 or 0418 114 055 or via email on [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

**THE BISHOP'S BLEND** Join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking at [bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com](http://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com) is essential or visit [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org) for more information.

## OLOR PARISH SCHEDULE

**Mon. 7pm Mass** followed with Divine Mercy Novena, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions 7.30-8pm, Benediction at 8pm.  
**Tues. 7pm Mass** followed by St. Anthony Novena  
**Wed. 9.15am Mass**  
**Thur. 9.15am Mass**  
**Fri. 9.15am Mass** with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at 11.45am (On First Fridays: **7pm Mass** followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions 7.30-8pm, Benediction at 8pm.)  
**Sat. 9am** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion **9.15am Mass** Confessions 9.45-10.15am and again 5pm to 5.45 pm  
**5.50pm Angelus**  
**6pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass**

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**MEN ALIVE** Come join us for an evening with Robert Falzon. Learn about "authentic manhood," discover the true meaning of your Christian role and the challenges of being a man of God. The night is for single and married men and happens on **Monday 7 May, 7 - 9 pm**. \$20 per person (includes food and drink) at Christ the King Parish (in the Mary MacKillop Hall) 10 Statham Ave, North Rocks. Booking is essential: SMS your name to 0408 678 922

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite young adults (aged 18-35) to join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Thursday, 3 May** starting at 7pm, at Good Shepherd Church 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Then join us also for pizza at 8! RSVP: Sr Paula, 0449 656 406 [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

St Angela's Parish School  
40 Harrington Ave, Castle Hill  
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## MASS & MINISTRIES - 28/29 APRIL 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Ryan Glenice Lui and Leonard Pinto Jerry Lui and Tracey Thomson
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Sorbello Walter Bradstock and Nancy Comito Norma Evans
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Michael Tan Maria Remiendo and Errol Samuels Grace Trzcinski and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia Vivian Lam and Marciano Gaddi Tracy Capdor and Paul Lam
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Mary Friend and Jennifer Lumapas Salena Artap and Joseph Lumapas
Counters:		Erikson and Gennusa families
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 5/6 MAY 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Francis Patag and Danielle Cremona Tony Monteiro and Rhodora Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Tom Crowley and Nancy Comito Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Carol Caswell and Maria Remiendo Margaret Samuels and Norma Evans
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia Tracy Capdor and Donna Solis Arlene Pineda and Evelyn Romero
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Vino Rodrigues Mary Zahra and Mary Friend Joseph Lumapas and Ana Mustafa
Counters:		Susan Bird, Jan Buist & Tessie Laugesen
Church Vacuum:		Couples for Christ

## MASS INTENTIONS : 28 APRIL - 5 MAY 2018

<b>Sat. 28</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>6pm</b>	Netto Joseph Galea, Elizabeth & Sam Caruana & Holy Souls
<b>Sun. 29</b>	<b>7 am</b>	Deceased friars and their families
	<b>9 am</b>	Rocco Gattellaro
	<b>11am</b>	Mary Cutajar
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>pro populo</b>
<b>Mon. 30</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Intention of donor
<b>Tues. 1</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Vassallo family
<b>Wed. 2</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
<b>Thur. 3</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Marion, Jimmy & Maryanne Fenech
<b>Fri. 4</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Intention of donor
	<b>7pm</b>	Tanya Fernandes
<b>Sat. 5</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Raylene MacNamarra
	<b>6pm</b>	Noeleen Hennessy

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

29 APRIL 2018

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he  
prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken  
to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine  
in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
— he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown  
on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you  
should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and  
was buried; / he descended into hell; /  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty; / from there he  
will come to judge the living and the  
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the  
holy catholic Church, / the communion  
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /  
the resurrection of the body, / and life  
everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread  
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to  
each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that  
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of his  
name, for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who by the wonderful exchange  
effected in this sacrifice have made us  
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to  
know your truth, we may make it ours by a  
worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

## PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by  
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are  
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord. / Whoever  
remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit  
in plenty, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have  
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from

former ways to newness of life. Through  
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### IN UNION WITH THE TRUE VINE

The Old Testament frequently pictures  
Israel as a 'vine' God brought out of  
Egypt for cultivation in a new land (see  
Ps 80:8-11). Taking up this image, Jesus  
speaks of himself as the 'true vine' for the  
messianic era. Just as God 'cultivated'  
Israel, so Jesus pictures the Father as the  
vinegrower of this new vine, with the  
disciples as the 'branches' expected to  
bear its fruit.

The passage refers allegorically to two  
vinedressing procedures: branches bearing  
no fruit are cut away; branches that do  
bear fruit are 'pruned' so that next season  
they may bear even more.

What makes a branch yield fruit is the  
depth of its union with the vine. Hence  
the need for believers to maintain the  
closest possible union with Christ. The  
'fruit' that they will bear will then be acts  
of love, extending from the love they have  
themselves received from Jesus.

Believers are 'pruned already' by Christ's  
word (v. 3). They have 'come to the truth',  
about God and about themselves, which  
he has imparted, bringing the healing and  
transforming light of God to the previous  
darkness of their lives (3:19-21).

The mention of the withered branches  
being collected and thrown on the fire  
does not refer to Hell. Within the image,  
it affirms the uselessness of such branches  
and hence the need to remain united with  
Christ.

Believers will be truly *his* disciples when  
their lives manifest the love displayed in  
his. This will be to the Father's 'glory' in  
that it will reveal to the world that God  
is love.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

REMAIN IN ME. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to  
the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need.  
Likewise, we must remain attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and  
produce the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5: 22).

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, / for he  
has worked wonders; / in the sight of the  
nations / he has shown his deliverance,  
alleluia.

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and  
the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of  
heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have  
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on  
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on  
earth peace to people of good will. /  
We praise you, / we bless you, / we  
adore you, / we glorify you, / we give  
you thanks for your great glory, / Lord  
God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty  
Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only  
Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, / you take away the  
sins of the world, / have mercy on us; /  
you take away the sins of the world, /  
receive our prayer; / you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father, / have mercy on  
us. / For you alone are the Holy One, /  
you alone are the Lord, / you alone are  
the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the  
Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the  
Father. / Amen.



## COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, constantly  
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that  
those you were pleased to make new in Holy  
Baptism may, under your protective care, bear  
much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul  
and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to  
join the disciples, but they were all afraid  
of him: they could not believe he was really  
a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge  
of him, introduced him to the apostles, and  
explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul  
and spoken to him on his journey, and how  
he had preached boldly at Damascus in the  
name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round  
with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly  
in the name of the Lord. But after he had  
spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with  
them, they became determined to kill him.  
When the brothers knew, they took him to  
Caesarea, and sent him off from there to  
Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee  
and Samaria were now left in peace, building  
themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord,  
and filled with the consolation of the Holy  
Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly  
of your people. (or Alleluia!)

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear  
him. / The poor shall eat and shall have their  
fill. / They shall praise the Lord, those who  
seek him. / May their hearts live for ever and  
ever! R.

2. All the earth shall remember and return  
to the Lord, / all families of the nations  
worship before him. / They shall worship  
him, all the mighty of the earth; / before him  
shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

3. And my soul shall live for him, my  
children serve him. / They shall tell of the

Lord to generations yet to come, / declare his  
faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: / 'These  
things the Lord has done.' R.

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.  
*His commandments are these: that we believe  
and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words  
or mere talk, but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain that we are the  
children of the truth and be able to quieten  
our conscience in his presence, whatever  
accusations it may raise against us, because  
God is greater than our conscience and he  
knows everything. My dear people, if we  
cannot be condemned by our conscience, we  
need not be afraid in God's presence, and  
whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because  
we keep his commandments and live the kind  
of life that he wants. His commandments  
are these: that we believe in the name of  
his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one  
another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his  
commandments lives in God and God lives in  
him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit  
that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me  
live in you, says the Lord; / my branches  
bear much fruit. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15: 1-8

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much  
fruit.*