



### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

On the original Australian \$5 note is the painted portrait of Caroline Chisholm. After serving in Madras, India with her husband Captain Archibald Chisholm, Caroline, her husband, and family came to Australia. Upon arriving here, she was horrified to see the conditions that the migrant settlers were living in. She was their 'saint' in finding adequate work and accommodation for them.

Caroline, for these migrant settlers, was the answer to the prediction of the wounded, risen Jesus – *'I will not leave you orphans. I will give you the spirit of truth.'* Remember, next weekend we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension, and then the feast of Pentecost – the spirit of truth and life!

In today's second reading, we hear from the first letter of St Peter; 'that we are to have an answer ready for the people who ask us for the hope and the reason we have, but give it with courtesy and respect.'

This is not just a suggestion but an expectation that we all keep alive an attitude of learning more of God's word and of our Church's traditions and teachings. So please do not ignore this ongoing challenge! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*