



Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer
see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my
Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to
him.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-ll-el. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

17 May 2020

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

*(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your
deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

17 May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to be able to celebrate public Masses at St Peter's subject to temporary conditions laid down by the Victorian Government and the Archbishop of Melbourne. We can accommodate ten people at Mass in addition to those required for the celebration of Mass.

Masses will be celebrated weekly at the following times:-

Tuesday – Friday 9.00am and 10.30am (commencing 19th May)

Saturday – 6.00pm

Sunday – 8.30am and 10.30am

You cannot attend a Mass without making a booking. The 2 ways you can book in to attend a Mass are as follows:-

Online Bookings: For parishioners with internet access

Mass attendance will be via TryBooking. Please type TryBooking.com.au into your browser, then click on: 'Find Events' – Type in: Mass Keilor East 'Find an Event' and go to the Mass you wish to attend. Complete your booking. If all 10 spots are filled, please click on another time/day. You may book **one day in advance** of the scheduled Mass, from 9.00am-4.00pm, except for Sunday Masses, when you need to book by 4pm Friday.

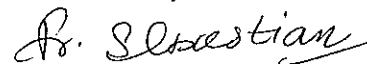
Phone Bookings: For parishioners without internet access only

Please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141 by 4.00pm, **the day prior to the Mass you wish to attend** (except for Sunday Masses, where you need to let us know by 4.00pm on Friday), and leave your name and contact number. We will let you know if there is availability for the Mass you would like to attend.

To cater for the needs of all parishioners, I ask that you choose only one Mass to attend during the next two weeks. I encourage you to attend a weekday Mass and leave the weekend Masses time slots for those parishioners who are not able to attend weekday Masses.

I suggest you arrive at the Church approx. 10 minutes before commencement of the Mass and take your seat. Please provide your contact details as you enter the narthex and observe all the social distancing and hand sanitising requirements. If you are feeling unwell, please see stay at home but let us know if not coming. Thank you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret McConville

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Grbac, Tony Zarb, John Chan, Peter Colosimo, Jack, Stella, Nina, Tony & Bill Cutayar, John Southern, Matthew Southern

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY

Month dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

Though not able to come together to pray the Rosary at St Peter's Church, we encourage you to pray a family Rosary at home every day during the month of May. We hope to have a Procession with the Statue of Our Lady on 31st May (depending on restrictions).

SELF-ISOLATING? OUR PARISH IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

If you are in need of some assistance with shopping, being taken to appointments etc, please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141. We have volunteers who can assist. If you are feeling a bit lonely and would just enjoy a friendly chat over the phone, please let us know. We are here to help where we can.

PARISH FINANCES

We are most grateful for your contributions during this challenging time. Thank you all for your support. Online donations as follows:-

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A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen.