

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is about loneliness. We know loneliness. We know what it feels like, for example, when someone close to us dies. Grief, sadness and loneliness can be palpable. In today's Gospel, John invites us again to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the loneliness which the disciples (and, at times, ourselves) can experience. When we feel God's apparent silence or absence, when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus promises 'another Advocate'. This is the promise of his very Spirit that will remain with the disciples when he physically leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already a reality and Jesus' spirit, the Advocate, the 'Spirit of Truth', is with them and 'forever'. They will not be left orphaned as the Spirit accompanies them in every generation to experience his eternal and real, though non-physical, presence. But there is a second promise that Jesus makes. He will return as he offers an eschatological vision, an insight into the final days, in which the disciples will experience their communion and intimacy with God restored. They will discover a love that is eternal and carry them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to hear, especially as we grapple with our experiences of loneliness brought on by grief of our beloved dead or the persistent loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus' Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

Fr Michael Trainor

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 paralysics 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

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

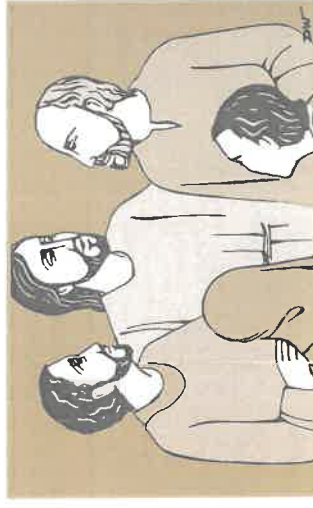
1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

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.

THE SAVING WORD

10 MAY 2026



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 for me. R.

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!

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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 11pm

Friday: 4pm, 8pm

Saturday: 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

National Count of Attendance - (Parish Mass Count) May 2026

There will be Parish mass count in all Weekend Masses for the whole month of May during the offertory. We thank you for your cooperation

Weekday Roster. Readers and EO

Ministers of Holy Communion please check the new Weekday roster (two-weekly schedule) in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

CatholicCare Victoria. Total collection \$1,756.00. Thank you

SPC Sunday School with LIHM Sisters will resume on Sunday, 17 May at 11am, Marian House. **Contact: Sr Catherine LIHM 0425157651.**

Feast, St Matthias, apostle Thursday, 14 May

Next Week: 17 May 2026
The Ascension of the Lord - A



Claret

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Rogelio Equiza Jr, Angelo Debrincat, Wenceslao Garrata, Roco & Anica Koprivnac, Stephen Stojnik, Guilianna Vescoi, Agapito Lon Lay, Inmaculada Lay, Pedro Barro Lay, Roberto Loquias, Emilio & Emilio Abrogar, Ronnie Zammit, Katarina Nadi, Yanka Pantiger, Tony Cordina, Carmen, Frank & Joe Gaudi, Salina Cremona, Charles Modrovich, Simoa Filomena Ribero Belo, Marta Godoy, Joe & Rira Ballada, Tony, Joseph Cini, Joe Monaghan, Vicente Reyes, Lilly Kalamatt, Teresa Susanna Juhasz Hirt, Dionisia Salindong, Cecilia, Grace Pinto, Josefina Maravag, Eugene Laughlin, Priscila Tagala, Manuel Santos Cruz, Ricardo De Guzman Viray, Nicholas Caruana, Maria Barbara, Abraham Lorenzo, Purita Cardenas, Mary Camilleri, Carmen Caruana, Adoracion Austria, Robert Wallace, Sam & Mary Meliak, Anglea & Arthur Pace, Desmond Vella, Giokim, Maria Uyen, Ali Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Nella Teodoro, Enna Daulo, Vincent Paul Onuotta, Cherrill Rogers, Alfonsus Dicky Soellantono, Jolly Augustine Arackal

SPECIAL INTENTION: Joel Selvarajan, Jevin Joe, Nobin Joe Joel, Maryanne, Phaoilo Pham Khai Minh, Sylvia Hirt, Elroy & Kenrick, Alzira Family, Rosa Galea, Carmen Cassar, Bernard, Steven, Givado, Salim, Maria Muscat, Albert Lorenzo

HEALING: Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Delia Ocampo, Fabian Koprivnac, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Nick Nakarotis, Melina TroPiano, Jordan Lai, Monica Huynh, Vic Tor Lau, Mu T Tiung Sing, Joshua Lai, Kan Ing Sin, Sam, Janus Hermoso, Jason Attard

THANKSGIVING: Tony & Agatha Saliba (55th Wedding Anniversary), Joe & Rita Camilleri (65th Wedding Anniversary), Lin Snell, Anna Joesep, Drina, Cherrian & Danielle Ramos, Andres Ramos, John Antic, Son In Au, Tharmini & Nathan, Garnet Jacob, Mary Odeke, Peter Juhaz, May Amparado, Kaia Brooks, Manuel Kim Nepomuceno, Celsa Frias

THIS WEEK: 10 May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Alister R	Hilda D S	Roger S J	Vernon A	Andrea C
1st Reader	Antonietta C	Jeslie M	Kathleen T	Rency C	Frances R	E Binuya
2nd Reader	Jennifer S	Aaron A	A Huang	Marilou S J	Arlene P	R Victoria
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Paul M Nick S L Joan S	Alister R	Cedric B Ronald M M Alice	Don C Cathryn D Anna C Maria Sulfaro	Jacqueline R Emrhan C Candida D S Toniette S	Roland D Gloria T Joe C George E
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Anelle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzelle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CICA

NEXT WEEK: 17 May 2026 - Ascension of the Lord - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Alister R	Perly C	Julie Ann M	Flora S	Frances R
1st Reader	Ryson D	Susan C	Kumudu M	Greah P	Diana T	A Tayag
2nd Reader	Manoj L	Aaron A	Wynna D	Jennifer G	Tami M	A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rochelle R Nick S L Charmaine R Antonietta C	Stephan Alister R	Roland D Teo C Ronald D Shirley T	Anna C Maria Mizzi Lidia L Alvin G	Toniette S Emman C Candida D S Marvin D	Michael D Gloria T Oliver T Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Anelle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzelle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exxemoz

Seminary Enquiry Day. inviting any young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood (over the age of 18) to the Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Corpus Christi College. Please check the letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli posted in the foyer of the church. Let us pray for more vocations. RSVP by Tuesday 19 May to the vocations office vocations@cam.org.au.

EFTPOS facility available in the foyer the church for those who wish to generously donate to the church. We thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you and your family.

Project Compassion Unite Against Poverty. Please return Project Compassion boxes **on or before 31 May 2026** Thank you for your donation

.HAPPY.
Mother's day

Happy Mother's Day to all amazing women out there. Our Mums, Aunties, Grandma and all those who took care of us as their own. Thank you for your guidance, prayers, support and self giving love and above all for bringing us closer to Jesus. We love you and may God bless you all.

A VOCATION VIEW

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.