



10 May 2026

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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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.'

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 the name: 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.)

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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS



SICK

We pray for all the sick, especially those in our parish community

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eliza Menezes, John Bonfa

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosario Carni, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Anthony Doan Trung, Margaret McConville, Agata Luca, Eufrecina Baera, Augustin Juristic, Marusic Family, Lola Attard, Mary Rose Cassar, Josephine Mizzi, Giuseppe Bonfa, Paul Xuereb, Felice Mangion, Joseph Mangion, Elseria Mangion, Nancy Palumbo, Elisabetta Palumbo, Filomena Monizzi, Irene De Lima, Maria Pereira

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 17th May 2026

Lulu Schmidt

Please pray for this child and her family.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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PROJECT COMPASSION - RECEIPTS

Receipts, for those who requested them, are now available to collect from the narthex.

PARISH NEWS



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – 10TH MAY

During the month of May, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend is also a special time for celebrating the gift of mothers and women. We pray for all mothers in our community. May they continue to love and nurture their children and may we treasure their precious gift of mothering.

We pray for those mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who have passed away. We give thanks for their love, their laughter and their labour. We give thanks for the many ways they shaped our values, our faith and our family traditions and rituals. May they Rest in Peace.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Last change to purchase tickets! Drawn on Mother's Day, 10th May **after the 10.30am Mass**. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Good Luck!

PREP & YEAR 1'S MOTHER'S DAY MASS

We welcome to our 6.00pm Saturday Vigil and 10.30am Sunday Masses this weekend, the Prep and Year 1 St Peter's Primary School children and their families.

PRAYING THE ROSARY AT HOME

If you would like to borrow the small statue of our Lady of Fatima to pray the Rosary at home, you may do so. We ask you return it the next day(except if taking Sunday, then it can be returned on Tuesday morning). Please ensure add your name and contact details on the clipboard in the narthex before removing the Statue from the Church.

RELIC OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS 16TH & 17TH MAY

Next weekend, our Parish will be blessed to host the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis, the young saint who inspired many through his deep love for the Holy Eucharist and his witness of faith in the digital age.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come and pray, venerate the relic, and reflect on the beauty and importance of the Eucharist in our daily lives.

“The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.” — Saint Carlo Acutis

PENTECOST VIGIL – SATURDAY 23 MAY

All parishioners are warmly invited to our Pentecost Vigil Mass on Saturday 23 May at 6.00pm. After the Mass, we will have Adoration, reflection, and Benediction, until 8.30pm.

Pentecost reminds us of the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Church — bringing renewal, courage, peace, and hope. Come and spend this sacred time with the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit to deepen our faith and renew our hearts. All are welcome.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST

The latest edition of the Melbourne Catholic Digest (Easter) is now available. This free newspaper is published every two months by the Archdiocesan Communications Office and is offered especially for elderly parishioners. We have a limited number of printed copies available in the narthex, for those who cannot read it online. For those that can, you can access a PDF version of the Digest as follows:-

<https://melbournecatholic.org/melbourn-e-catholic-digest-archive>

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Continues this weekend. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass
6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families ongoing support of the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.