

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

10 May 2026

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!



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.

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.'

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

10th of May 2026

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.



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CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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Synod Corner: Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honoured not just today, but every day.

Amen.



(Source: www.christianity.com)

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION –

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026 AT 2.00PM, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Parishes, communities and all of the faithful are warmly invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession as we walk through the streets of CBD Melbourne. **Beginning at 2.00pm from St Patrick's Cathedral and concluding at Federation Square.** Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this is a wonderful opportunity for the whole Archdiocesan community to bear witness to Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 9 May : SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 10 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MOTHER'S DAY

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 11 May: MONDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

No morning Mass

Tue, 12 May: TUESDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 13 May: WEDNESDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 14 May: ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 15 May: FRIDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 3rd lesson,
St Patrick's Parish Office

Sat, 16 May : SATURDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 17 May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12 noon Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church



40 Hours in Adoration with the Capuchin Friars

Join the Capuchin Friars for 40 hours in adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, commemorating the 40 hours that our Blessed Lord spent in the tomb, and intercede for peace in the world and an increase in the virtue of charity.

The event will conclude with the 12pm Mass and refreshments at St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church.

Event Date: Friday 15 May 2026,
7.00pm – Sunday 17 May 2026, 1.00pm

Venue: St Anthony's Capuchin Friary
Church, 182 Power Street, Hawthorn

For further details, scan the QR code.



ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME

Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday 13th May, at 1 pm.
All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>9/10 May</u>	<u>16/17 May</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	9 May	16 May
Reader	C. Rowe	B. O'Dwyer
EMHC	A. Leahy	C. O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	9 May	16 May
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	V. Barro
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	10 May	17 May
Reader	R. Quinn	T. Cooney
EMHC	T. Cooney	A. Moore
EMHC	J. Sapiano	C. Banon
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	10 May	17 May
Reader	A. Mathew	C. Edulan
EMHC	A. Liddle	C. Mathew
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	C. Eid	E. Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Kim	M. Ramsay & family

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Devasya Joseph Uppumakkal and Fr. Peter Foley PE.

Anniversaries

Dennis Stupuras, Vin Tuohey, Edna Hughes, Sada Mancini,
Terry Davern, Sheila Denham, Margot Murphy, Stephen
Gerard Brook, Gordon Ryan, Joan Hesse (nee Donovan), John
Clancy and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie
Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Daisy Aguinaldo,
Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle
Chatfield, John Riggall and all people who are in need of our
prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: Please do not split/divide your Thanksgiving envelopes in half. Please keep them intact and write the amount on the front. Thanks

PLEASE NOTE: The Easter edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.