



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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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14 May 2023

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!



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MASS TIMES (English):

Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesday 6pm
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS

Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Offered to those in need on
1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.000am,
Bookings are necessary.

Children first Sacraments:
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it
be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people,
alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my
commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

A Mother's Prayer



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To thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the  
years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in times of laughter and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from my heart  
for all you've done for me,  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best MOTHER there could be!

**COVID-19** is still around, Please  
use sanitiser when you enter the  
church.

**VIETNAMESE MASS** Please note  
there will be no Vietnamese Mass  
on Sunday 14th May. The Vietname-  
se Vigil Mass on Saturday 13th  
May will take place as usual.

**2023 WALK WITH CHRIST**  
event celebrates the Feast of Corpus  
Christi. In this Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Body and Blood of  
Christ, archbishop Fisher invites all  
the faithful in the Catholic Archdio-  
cese of Sydney to unite and honour  
the real presence of our Lord Jesus  
Christ in the Eucharist.

The walk will take place on Sunday  
11th June commencing at 2:30pm  
from the corner of Pitt Street and  
Martin Place. It will be preceded by  
a Festival in Martin Place com-  
mencing at 1.00pm.

**PARISH BUS TRIP** to 2023 Walk  
of Christ. Fr. Peter is seeking a  
"champion" who would help with  
the logistics of organizing such trip.  
There are pamphlets to be hand out,  
a promotional video to be shown,  
and perhaps a promotional talk on  
weekend Masses and at school be  
given. The archdiocese will reim-  
burse the cost of the bus.

**MASS TIME CHANGE** From last  
week the evening weekday Mass is

now on Wednesday 6pm instead of Tuesday 6pm.  
Likewise on Tuesdays there is morning Mass at 9am  
instead of Wednesdays 9am. This change is due to Fr.  
Peter's Tuesdays' social evening. Thank you for un-  
derstanding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** to those in need will  
be from now on offered during the Mass on 1st Tues-  
day of the month. Please consider to bring your shut-  
in loved ones to this Mass.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** will from  
now on be also available on Wednesdays prior to the  
evening Mass starting at 5pm.



**MAY THE MONTH OF MARY** To honour our  
Blessed Mother during May, let us pray the Rosary  
before every weekday Mass and a decade of the Ro-  
sary before every Sunday Mass. Free Rosary beads  
and Rosary cards - available at the back of the church.

**FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY** - during the month  
of May parishioners are invited to bring fresh flowers  
to place at the statue of Our Lady on the Sanctuary.



**2023 CWF APPEAL** -  
the first appeal for 2023  
was held last weekend.  
It is a practical oppor-  
tunity for most of us to  
feed the hungry, clothe

the naked and visit the sick and prisoners, as our dona-  
tions are used by the Archdiocese to support the vital  
ministries of the Church in service to those who need it  
most. If you didn't get to donate last week, it's not too  
late - there are envelopes available on the seats or back  
of church. Please be generous - donations to CWF are  
100% tax-deductible.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** -The Sacrament of  
Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 20 May

2023 at 11.30am. by Bishop Terry Brady. Final lessons  
this week. Any enquiries please contact Elaine by email:  
[nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au) or the parish office:  
[parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

### 2023 SACRAMENTAL DATES

#### Reconciliation

Information Night—Wednesday 21 June @ 7pm  
Commitment Weekend - any Mass 24/25 June  
Sacrament - Wed 16/8, Thurs 17/8, Fri 18/8

#### First Holy Communion

Information Night - Wednesday 13 September @ 7pm  
Commitment Weekend - any Mass 16/17 September  
Sacrament - Sunday 05 November @ 11.30am  
- Sunday 12 November @ 11.30am

All enquiries: email: [nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au) or the  
parish office: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

**CHILDREN LITURGY** - is back! The first Children's  
Liturgy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 28 May at  
10am Mass. Any Parents/Parishioners wanting to help  
please contact Fr. Peter or Veronica.

**LAY MINISTRY ROSTER** - Anyone wanting to serve  
as Greeters, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Min-  
isters of Holy Communion and Acolytes - please prayer-  
fully consider how you can assist AND put your name  
down on the list at the back of the church OR email to  
[veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

**"THE PALACE" ITEMS** In the process of consolida-  
tion there are few items that need a new home. A washing  
machine, clothes drier, microwave, 3x bookshelves. If  
you are interested in any of the items please see Fr. Peter.

**SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH** - Child sexual  
abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with  
crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know,  
have been abused, please contact the police. Alterna-  
tively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at  
93905810 or Email: [safeguardingenquir-  
ies@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a le-  
gal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Our parish** has a folder (with Safeguarding infor-  
mation including quarterly newsletters) in the  
church – parishioners are welcome to view. A link  
to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is  
available from the homepage of our parish website  
and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via  
[parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com).

*Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick (please advise delisting)*



Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson,  
Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders,  
Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk

*Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died*



*Rest In Peace*

Maria Tam Hong, Peter Baulman, Ike Brooks, John Clarke, Vasco Zenere, Paul Almond, Joanne  
Litrico, Roger Luck, Umberto & Victoria Busuttill, Samir & Saba Jnr, Saba & Jamal Kairousz,  
Caterina & Giuseppe Turcato, Mato Stipich, Xavier Mayers, Josephine & Alojzy Pientka, Mary  
Barlow, Ruth West, Mick Carroll, Thomas Boyle

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*