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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C 21 - 22 May 2022

The consoling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost weekend is two weeks away; and so, there is so much of the activities of the Spirit resounding in the scripture texts this weekend. Acts 15:22-29 tells us of a decision arrived at by the apostles in conjunction with the Holy Spirit. John's vision in Rev 21:10-23 is made possible because John is in the spirit. In the Gospel (John 14:26), Jesus draws attention to the promise of the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in the name of Jesus. But let us focus on the Gospel text and explore the words of Jesus, especially in John 14:25-26 (though our text begins with v 23 and stretches to verse 29).

This is one of three places where John uses the Holy Spirit in the Gospel (see also 1:33; 20:22). Here in 14:26 Jesus identifies the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, the very term that he used earlier in 14:16. The term used also translates as counsellor, comforter, paraclete. This highlights one of the principal roles of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer: The Spirit is with us as our counsellor, our comforter, our helper, who advocates for us. Jesus uses this term in relation to the Spirit because he wants disciples to understand this particular role of the Holy Spirit and so be at peace. This role of the Spirit, for the earliest disciples, cannot be overemphasised. Jesus, the Lord and Master (13:12-12), in whom they placed their hope and trust (Luke 24:21), is about to go into his glory, and be taken away from them. Not only is there going to be physical separation, there is going to be loss of a great magnitude; the sort that brings in the feeling of having lost everything worthwhile in life. Jesus senses their frustration and the feeling of being lost, and so consoles and comforts them saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). In furtherance of his comforting words, and to call them to be calm, to trust in God/Jesus, and not to be agitated, he emphasises the comforting presence of the Spirit.

In John 15:16, the Spirit is another Advocate. The expression, another advocate, suggests another of the same kind and nature. It is another advocate that issues forth from the same stock and root as the other advocate. We can actually say another advocate with the same DNA. Since Jesus is the one speaking it suggests that he is the other advocate. It is for this reason that Jesus emphasises that "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you" (v 18). In these words, Jesus encourages the disciples that though he may be physically absent, in the Spirit he is present. This time, it is not only Jesus who is present to the disciples. The Father is also present since Jesus declares, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father" (John 14:10); and "we will come and make our home with them" (John 14:23). The Spirit also "abides with you, and will be in you" (14:17). Thus, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are present to the disciples. Alleluia!

What's the implication of this for the disciples and, by extension, for us? This is Jesus saying: Do not lose focus because of my seeming absence. I am not absent. I am present to you. In fact, not just me, but the Father and the Spirit too. In the Spirit, who abides with you and is in you, you have the help, the comfort, the strength, and the advocate necessary to withstand any situation in life. Only listen to the counsel of the Spirit. Intimacy with the Spirit is intimacy with the Trinity. This consoling and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit is Jesus' promise to believers down the ages. May we continue to enjoy this presence and continuously feel the warmth and the comfort of the Spirit who is with us and in us. Alleluia! Amen!!

Fr Francis Otober

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 21 & Sun 22 May: Trinity Families Leaving Collection at all Masses

Sat 21 & Sun 22 May: Tour of Presbytery and Bishops House (refer to notice for times)

Wed 25 May: Confirmation Reconciliation **6pm Cathedral**

Wed 1 June: Confirmation Final meeting & Practice **6pm**

Sun 5 June: Confirmation Mass **9.30am**

Sun 5 June: First Sunday Cuppa by St Mary's Primary School **9.30am**

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT: If you missed the enrolment deadline for Sacraments please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 and ask to speak to Jennifer Fitzgerald St Mary's Cathedral Parish Sacramental Coordinator.

CONFIRMATION will be held on **Sunday 5 June at 9.30am**. The Confirmation Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 25 May at 6pm in the Cathedral**. The final meeting and practice for all those making their Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 1 June at 6pm in the Cathedral**.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: On **Sunday 5 June**, St Mary's Primary School Sale will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in the Cathedral after the **9.30am Confirmation Mass**.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening next on **Thursday 2 June from 12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 23 to 29 May. Please pray for vocations.

TOUR OF BISHOP'S HOUSE AND PRESBYTERY will be now be happening on **Saturday 21 May from 4.15pm to 5.15pm** and on **Sunday 22 May from 10.30am to 11.30am**. To join the tour go to the quadrangle near the Presbytery and Chapter House.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Oliver & George Heatherington sons of Andrew & Jennifer and Arlo & Addison Bouffoux children of Nicolas & Natalie. Congratulations to the families from us all.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT: National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (NVW) comes to a close this weekend. We sincerely thank all of our wonderful volunteers who do so much for our parish. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. In our Diocese of Sale, we are blessed with so many wonderful and faith-filled people whose love for Jesus impels them to serve others in his name. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in our Christian living.

ST MARY'S PARISH BAIRNSDALE invite you to attend the 48th Mass and Procession in honour of St Anthony of Padua on **Sunday 12 June at 11am in St Mary's Church**. Afterwards a social gathering will be held in St Mary's Pastoral Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Monday 23 May** as Clare will be away attending a funeral.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of Aid to the Church in Need have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Please read and reflect on their stories and discern to help us, spiritually and financially, to form the priests of tomorrow. These young men never cease to pray for the benefactors who assisted them on their journey. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/seminariansglobal

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

LAUDATO SI WEEK: running from May 22 to 29 celebrates the seventh anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si. Global events held In-person, online, or a combination of the two will be hosted each day. BOOKINGS essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?> For the full list of global events and information head to <https://laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL leaving collection will be held this weekend, **21 & 22 May 2022, at all Parish churches.**

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP we invite the Filipino family parishioners to join our family ministries called couples for Christ at the Filipino Lunch Fellowship Day at **11am on Sunday 29 May in the Chapter House**. Call Andrew on 0412 280 012 for any enquiries.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY is on Thursday 26th May. For more information go to <https://nationaltoday.com/national-sorry-day/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 22 May 9.30am: Thomas & Eileen Henebery (A's)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the Priest.
MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,142.00
Presbytery:	\$772.65
Credit Cards:	\$0.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,125.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$90.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C
21 - 22 May 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 21 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 22 May	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<i>WEEKDAYS</i>		
Monday 23 May	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tuesday 24 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 25 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 26 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 27 May	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>WEEKEND</i>		
Saturday 28 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 29 May	7.00pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Get creative. Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported?

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding/child-safety-week or contact our parish safety officer, Lorel Donnelly.

Entries close **Friday 22 July 2022.**

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Following the exhortation of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost).

As the Lord promised “you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5; see also Acts 2:1-4). This promise, Peter says, is for every one of us (Acts 2:39). This gathering affords us another great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget. God bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022.

Venue: St Ita's Drouin.

Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm

Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm

For queries, please contact the prayer group leaders of your parish, or speak with one of the following:

- Bro Lindsay (Chair, service team, 0432 375 391)
- Sister Anushka (Secretary, service team, 0425 555 206)
- Fr Francis (Chaplain, 0448529712).

Praise the Lord! Alleluia!!



Date & Time	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Counters
Sat 21/5 5.30pm	Theo Smolenaars	Ann Neville	Damian Hogan	
Sun 22/5 9.30am	Vince Beer	Susan Mattson	Nick Hall	
Sun 22/5 5.30pm	Mary Chiller	Brenda Bowden	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Kevin Corcoran, John Harvey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Thomas Henebery, Eileen Henebery, Fr William Ryan, Dan Edward Coleman, Fr Peter Kilduff**. Please pray for those who are sick **Maureen Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, John Schroeder, Kempsea Smith, Margaret Lee, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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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.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

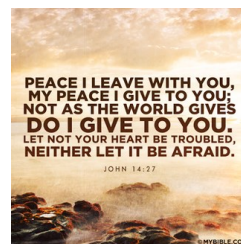
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 forever, alleluia.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Friday & Saturday morning following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year C

First Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Luke 24:46-53**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

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WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.