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Saturday

Mass: 8.30 am Vespers : 5.30 pm

Sunday

Mass: 9.30 am Vespers : 5.30 pm

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6th Sunday of Easter Sun 17th Sun 24th The Ascension of the Lord

"YOU IN ME AND I IN YOU."

Today's gospel has one more Jesus' selection from Discourse" to his disciples the night before he died. He is preparing them Keep My Commandments for his departure. He directs them that, if they love him, they will keep his commandments.

It's a mistake to think that, just before he is about to leave his disciples, Jesus is giving a set of rules on them. That's not the way he lived life with his disciples. We don't have a rule book to remember him by and guide us. We





don't have a rule book for Jesus. We know what he wants us to do: to love one another as he loved us; to be forgiving and self-sacrificing towards those who need us - even if they don't deserve it - just as he was with us. How can you write that down in a rule book? Or spell that out in a list of commandments? Jesus calls us to do more than any law would require. Laws narrowly define how we are to behave. But Jesus' love breaks laws and sets us free to be loving - even towards our enemies. Christ, an innocent victim of violence, rose from the dead. Jesus calls us to forgive, "Not seven times... but seventy times seven times." In other words, forgiveness doesn't have a required number or a time. Nor is it given to some, but to everyone.

Jesus tells his disciples "I will not leave you orphans: I will come back to you." He promises to send them "another Advocate." In John's gospel, Jesus was the first Advocate sent by God to us. Now, he tells us a second, another Advocate, will be given them, "the Spirit of truth," - the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will make Jesus' present to us. That Spirit will also open Jesus' word to us and inform and enable us to live as he did - as children of the loving God Jesus revealed to us.

Love calls and enables us to follow the way of Jesus. The Spirit he sent us floods us with an awareness of God's love for us and overflows from us to those around us - even to our enemies. People will see in our lives signs of the Spirit's presence in us. How else could they explain the loving and forgiving ways we live?

If we love Jesus, we will keep the commandments. When we give our lives over to Jesus Christ, He fills us with the Holy Spirit. And when we take the time to wait and pray, the Holy Spirit will empower us the same way He empowered the disciples in the Upper room.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am** Thursday

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm Sun 08:00am 9:30am

11:00am

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Altar Washing:

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COLLECTION STATISTICS

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sala Tuaitana The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr JulieThomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

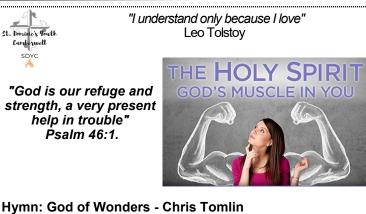
MASS INTENTIONS				
Sat	16 th May	Beverly Aliprandi		
Sun	17 th May	Sala Tuaitana For the People of the Parish		
Mod	18 th May	Dominican Vocations		
Wed	20 th May	Marjorie June Whelan		
Fri	22 nd May	Deceased Dominicans		

Masses will continue to be offered by the priests who will celebrate their community Mass every day and the names of deceased and anniversaries will still be written in the Dominican which will be available online. If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of May is available on our website <u>http://www.stdominics.org.au</u> to remind us to pray for those mentioned





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PARISH RESOURCES Parishioners who don't have internet access and prefer to stay at home can receive the Dominican or other parish resources by contacting the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au and someone will drop them in your mailbox.

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DOMINCARE In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Dominicare. Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

SISTER DISCIPLES of 830 Riversdale Rd Camberwell, wish to advise even though our gates are closed, we are still here to help you with all that you need, Just send us a email liturgicalcentremelb@pddm.org.au or have a look at our web site <u>www.pddm.org.au</u> or telephone us 9888-4754.

6th SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A — REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper during which he promised his disciples that when he would no longer be with them his Father would send another Paraclete to fill the void left by his departure. The term 'Paraclete' in this context has the same meaning as the more familiar English word, 'Advocate.' A Paraclete or Advocate at Jesus' time was a person

who stood alongside a defendant and pleaded their case before a judge, while it had a wider application that included, as one commentator describes it, reference to "someone you would want standing beside you when you are in a difficult situation."

Further, 'Paraclete' has a secondary meaning that comes from the Old Testament. The Greek verb parakalo was used by the 3rd century BC translators of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek to translate the Hebrew word for the Lord consoling Israel in its darkest days of the Babylonian Exile. Moreover this use of parakalo continued into the Greek New Testament. For instance, Luke used it when referring to Simeon awaiting the consolation of Israel in the scene of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Thus we have the line from Bianco da Siena's hymn to the Holy Spirit, Come down, O love divine, "O Comforter draw near, Within my heart appear, and kindle it, they holy love bestowing."

The Catechism speaks of the Spirit's presence in terms of 'Divine self-effacement,' pointing out that the Spirit does not draw attention to himself. "We do not hear the Spirit himself. the Spirit makes us hear the Father's Word." The Catechism then points to how we become aware of his presence, that "we know the Holy Spirit in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome Jesus in faith."

Christian tradition has described the Spirit's presence as dynamic, capturing it by means of such phrases as the Spirit's guiding light and his purifying love, the dynamic action of one who "unveils Christ to us," and who maintains his presence with us.

Along these lines it has been said that the awareness of the Holy Spirit is given in one's consciousness of "the firmness and effective power of one's living faith." The person who seeks to draw closer to Jesus and obey him enjoys the Spirit's "caring presence and renewing action" that accounts for the steadfastness and on-going strength of their Christian commitment. The Spirit's presence is best thought of as being God along-side the Christian. Think of a driving instructor's presence to the learner driver. It is a different mode of presence to a teacher standing before a class.

While some individuals may be granted, in the description of one theologian, "a religious experience which commences a decisively new sense of the powerful presence and working of the Holy Spirit in their lives, which may involve one or more charismatic gifts," it can be said that every committed Christian experiences in various ways the Spirit's "caring presence and renewing action," without them necessarily enjoying a vivid or dramatic experience of the Spirit."

With the feast of Pentecost approaching, we might seek to reconnect with the Spirit's presence in our lives, praying that we might grow in openness to his "self-effacing" presence. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle there the fire of your love.

Fr David Willis OP

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

"Work"

"Work" in all its forms has occupied Christian thinking and this has seen firm statements made about the worth and dignity of all workers.

The secular approach to work is the symbolism of International Workers' day (May Day): although we have our uniquely Australian counterparts.

Leo XIII in 1891, Pius XI in 1931 and John XXIII in 1961 all purposely supported fundamental work rights and obligations that have stood the test of time.

MASS READINGS AND HOMILIES

The readings can be find by clicking on links below

For Mass: <u>https://universalis.com/mass.htm</u> For Vespers: <u>http://universalis.com/vespers.htm</u>

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WELCOMING THE STRANGER These times

are especially difficult for some people in our community. A Pakistani man whom we have been in contact with for some time was in this situation.



He is seeking asylum with no Government assistance and now no work he was desperate. With donations from members of the Ambling group and others in the parish we have secured his accommodation for another couple of months. He is very appreciative and thanks everyone. Peter Charles (Welcoming the Stranger Chair)"

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 — What can we expect? 21 May, 28 May and 4 June at 7.30 pm. Delivered online, the three part series will explore expectations of the Plenary Council and the notion of synodality in the life and mission of the Church. For more information go to https://www.cbdparish.org.au/parish-community/a-learning-

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Entrance Antiphon

PROPER OF THE MASS: 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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

Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation

Communion Antiphon

Today's Readings Next Week's Readings and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia. (6th Easter, Year A) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (Ascension, Year A) Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

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Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.