

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 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.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING Loyola Press

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



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24/25 May 2025

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

‘THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU.’

Shortly before his death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

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

SECOND READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. 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**

2. 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**

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

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

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.

THANK YOU

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you who joined me in celebrating my 25th Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. Your presence made the day truly special. Whether you travelled from near or far, offered prayers, shared kind words, or helped in any way—your support and love were deeply felt and greatly appreciated. This milestone was not just a celebration of my years of priestly service, but also of your love, support and generosity. Your participation was a beautiful tribute to my journey. May God bless you abundantly for the joy you brought to this memorable occasion.

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM

Parish Priest



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 25 May 2025
Thank you for your support!

PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS DATE

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP

“HIGH TEA WITH PADDINGTON”

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025, 2.00PM

PADDINGTON WAS BORN IN PERU SO PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO

THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH IN PERU AND MARY MACKILLOP TODAY.

ENQUIRIES:

(TO RESERVE AN ACTUAL OR A VIRTUAL SEAT/TABLE OF 7)

BRIDGETTE BARRETT - 0438 805 579

GABRIELLE WATERS - 0433 327 624

VENUE: BETHANY

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Virtual Seat-\$25.



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph’s Primary School
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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

Parish Pastoral Council
Chair – Alan Tyson

Parish Finance Council
Chair -Edward Konieczny

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 31 May / 1 Jun 2025
The ASCENSION of the LORD

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children’s Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	17/18 May 2025
Open Plate	\$618.90
Planned Giving	\$378.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$996.90

St Vincent de Paul Society Payneham Conference – movie fundraiser
Join the St Vincent de Paul Society Payneham Conference for a movie fundraiser featuring *Penguin Lessons*, starring Steve Coogan. Set in 1976 Argentina, the film tells the heartwarming story of a British teacher who rescues an orphaned penguin. The event will take place on Sunday July 6 at The Regal Theatre, Kensington Park, doors open at 3pm; movie starting at 4pm. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.trybooking.com/DAKOE> or contact Grace 0402 181 694, John 0433 465 056 or Silvana 0417 872 513 for cash purchases.

Birthline Pregnancy Support
Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we’re searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of telephone counsellors. Our free 10-week Telephone Counselling Course will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. There are also other volunteer opportunities available. For enquiries email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883. Website: birthline.org.au.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Joe Menechella
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.
Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.
If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

This week’s contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$948.25

Holidays of Fr. Anthoni
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I would like to let you know that I will be away on holiday from 27th May to 2nd July. This time away will give me a chance to rest, reflect, and return refreshed to continue serving you with renewed energy and spirit.
During my absence, Fr. Benny Lawrence SdM will be kindly covering Masses and pastoral duties with the assistance of some of our clergy. Please extend your usual warm welcome and support to him. As you all know that he has just arrived to Australia and to our Parish, this may be a good learning curve for him and I am sure that you all will assist him in his ministry. Thank you for your understanding and prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you all, even while I'm away.
God bless you always,
Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM
Parish Priest

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Mass Counts – Month of May 2025
Mass attendance counts are being conducted at every mass on Saturdays and Sundays in May. Information collected will be useful to the Archdiocese office and to our pastoral planning. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Sevenhill Jubilee Pilgrimage
Young people aged 18 to 35 are invited to join Catholic Office for Youth & Young Adults (COYYA) on a pilgrimage to Sevenhill on Saturday June 28 for the Jubilee Year.
\$20 per person, including bus travel (return) and lunch. Bookings are essential.
Schedule:
7am – depart Adelaide (Thebarton), travel via bus to Watervale
9am – Pilgrimage Walk (9.5km) to Sevenhill
11.30am – Reconciliation and personal reflection time at Sevenhill
12.30pm – Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan (St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill)
1.30pm – Group lunch, wine tasting/cellar door
3pm – Depart Sevenhill, travel via bus to Adelaide (Thebarton)
5pm – arrive in Adelaide (Thebarton)
Scan the QR Code or visit our website - www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/upcoming-events for more information. Bookings close on Monday June 23.



Adult catechesis
Do you want to know more about your faith? Do you wish you could better explain your faith to your children? The Hectorville parish is offering weekly catechesis for adults. It’s not just a talk on an issue but a comprehensive teaching of all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church’s faith. You’ll have the opportunity to speak and ask questions that have been on your mind. Please contact the Hectorville parish office for more details.
Location: Staff room, St Joseph’s School, Hectorville
Date: Wednesdays of the school term.
Time: 7-8pm

May: The Month of Our Lady
Join us this May for a series of enlightening talks on Mary, held every Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Parish Hall, 17 Barker Road, Prospect.
May 21: The Queenship of Mary - Fr Mannes Tellis OP
May 28: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven - Fr Mannes Tellis OP
We look forward to seeing you there.

Men Today and Spiritual Growth: a transformative men’s retreat
Chris McPhee MSC leads this two day ‘daily’ retreat, open to men who seek a transformative spiritual experience. It’s designed for those ready to embrace struggles as opportunities, build deep connections, and move beyond societal pressures. Whether you’re new to spiritual retreats or have attended similar events before, this retreat welcomes all men looking to deepen their faith and personal growth. To be held Saturday June 14 and Sunday June 15, 9.30am to 4pm each day, in Bethany at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, 4 High Street, Kensington. For further information <https://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au/event/men-today-spiritual-growth-a-transformative-mens-retreat/>

The Kids' Bulletin



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
will be its light. Rev.21:22-23

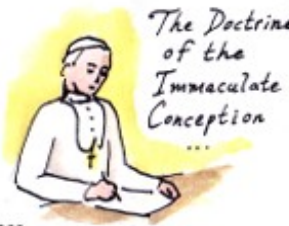
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



Answers to Match-up puzzle: 1-D, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-E, 6-G, 7-B.
John 14:23-29
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