

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!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

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

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

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25 MAY 2025

ULTIMATE UNION

In today's Gospel we become privileged
listeners to Jesus' prayer to God. The prayer
sums up John's theology of ultimate union
and Jesus ongoing promise to be with the
Gospel's audience, with us. Today's selection
also reaches beyond the present and into the
future.

This is a powerfully rich Gospel for the Easter
Season. As we reflect on the implications of
Jesus' resurrection, Jesus prays that we will
come to experience the heart of ultimate union
that exists between Jesus and the Father. In
later Trinitarian theology, this prayer will be
considered the highpoint of the believers'
experience of God and the foundation for a
later theology of the Trinity. In a sense, we
become part of the divine 'dance' (the word
is 'perichoresis') within the persons of the
Trinity.

Today's Gospel invites us to celebrate our
union with God, through Jesus' resurrection,
with each other, our natural world and the
whole of the Cosmos. It is for this reason
that a second theme in the Gospel concerns
mission. Jesus' followers are sent on mission to
the world to reflect and enact this experience
of divine communion.

Finally, we are reminded that the love which
the Father has for Jesus becomes the kind of
love which Jesus has for us. And how powerful
is that! What a wonderful Easter day this
Gospel invites us into.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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:

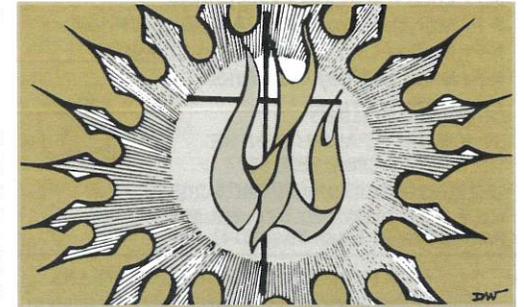
'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that
some of our members have disturbed you
with their demands and have unsettled your
minds. They acted without any authority from
us, and so we have decided unanimously to
elect 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!
(or Alleluia!)

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 ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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6th Sunday of Easter 25 May 2025)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 25th May 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 24th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 25th May 6th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 26th May St Phillip Neri		
Tuesday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 28th May 6 th Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 29th May St Paul VI	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 30th May 6 th Week of Easter	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 31st May Visitation of BVM	9.00am Mass	



RECONCILIATION ROOM RENOVATION

The relocation of the Reconciliation Room and Sacristy at St Joseph's has now been completed at the entrance to the church enabling a more comfortable area and one more in keeping and compliant with child safeguarding standards.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Children's Liturgy: Sun 25 May 10.30am
- ▶ Morning Tea: Sun 25 May St Joseph's
- ▶ Coffee after STA Mass: Sun 25 May
- ▶ Friends of St Augustine: Thurs 29 May 7pm

AUGUSTINE - PRAYER OF TRUST IN GOD



My God, let me know and love you, so that I may find my happiness in you. Since I cannot fully achieve this on earth, help me to improve daily until I may do so to the full. Enable me to know you ever more on earth, so that I may know you perfectly in heaven. Enable me to love you ever more on earth, so that I may love you perfectly in heaven. In that way my joy may be great on earth, and perfect with you in heaven. O God of truth, grant me the happiness of heaven so that my joy may be full in accord with your promise. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloude-mans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaiio, Tom O'Neill, Florencio Pineda.

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

Join us for coffee at The Botanical Hotel after mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 25th May. All welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All families with young children are invited to join in the Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass this Sunday.



MORNING TEA AT ST JOSEPH'S

All parishioners are welcome to join us for morning tea in the coffee room after 10.30am Mass this Sunday 25th May

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE

Parishioners are invited to join Friends of St Augustine on Thursday May 29th at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre as they celebrate and further explore Augustinian spirituality. Mary McCormick 0419 134 075. Or Judith Duncan 0417 309 747



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NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK provides an opportunity to

highlight the important role of volunteers in our community. We especially thank our Parishioners and SJOS volunteers for the various ways they help in our Parish.

FREE EVENT

"A Mother's Life Shouldn't Be Left to Chance" Thurs 5 June 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak. Abraham Muma, Health Coordinator at Chilonga Mission Hospital, Zambia will talk about mothers who walk for days while in labour to give birth in makeshift shelters.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

✦ Brian Dornom ✦ Adam Selwood

Anniversaries

- ✦ Fr Gerry Dullard OSA ✦ Mary Boyle
- ✦ Dorothy D'Souza ✦ Kay Burleigh
- ✦ Lucy Molony ✦ Victoria Daniels
- ✦ Graeme Phillips ✦ Anita Hughes
- ✦ Javier Bacaicoa ✦ Agustin Garcia
- ✦ Emmanuel Loc Nguyen ✦ Giuseppe Crivera
- ✦ Frank Pellicano

MASS COLLECTIONS 18/05/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$1212.25
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 447.05
Envelopes.....	\$ 200.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	903.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 125.00
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