

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is about loneliness. We know loneliness. We know what it feels like, for example, when someone close to us dies. Grief, sadness and loneliness can be palpable. In today's Gospel, John invites us again to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the loneliness which the disciples (and, at times, ourselves) can experience. When we feel God's apparent silence or absence, when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus promises 'another Advocate'. This is the promise of his very Spirit that will remain with the disciples when he physically leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already a reality and Jesus' spirit, the Advocate, the 'Spirit of Truth', is with them and 'forever'. They will not be left orphaned as the Spirit accompanies them in every generation to experience his eternal and real, though non-physical, presence. But there is a second promise that Jesus makes. He will return as he offers an eschatological vision, an insight into the final days, in which the disciples will experience their communion and intimacy with God restored. They will discover a love that is eternal and carry them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to hear, especially as we grapple with our experiences of loneliness brought on by grief of our beloved dead or the persistent loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus' Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

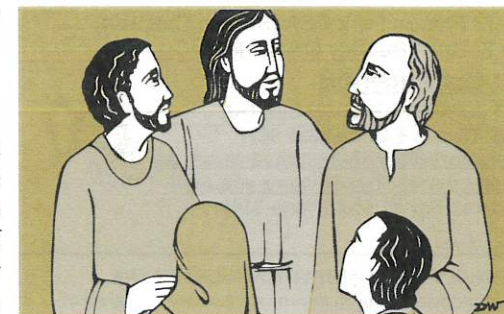
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. *(or 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 for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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6th Sunday of Easter 10th May 2026
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
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable 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 ▶ Aryana Vega (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 10th May 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 9 th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass ✓	9.00am Mass
Monday 11 th May 6 th Week of Easter		
Tuesday 12 th May Bl William Tirry	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 13 th May Our Lady of Help	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 14 th May St Matthias	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 15 th May 6 th Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 16 th May Sts Alypius & Possidius	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV

Prayer for Pope Leo as May 8th marks the first anniversary of his election to the Papacy:
Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **RCIA:** Thurs 14th May 7pm.
- ▶ **Sacramental Prep:** Sat 16 May 10.30am
- ▶ **Finance Committee:** Tues 12 May 4pm
- ▶ **Parish Council:** Wed 13 May 7pm



POPE LEO XIV

Loving God, you ask us to hear the call for peace that does not rely on weapons or fear or military deterrence; the peace of Christ as unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. And you remind us that only peace is holy. You do not hear the prayers of those who wage war. And religious language must never be used to justify violence and armed struggle. Peace, you remind us, is built in the heart and from the heart by eliminating pride, resentment and victims. You remind us that in the face of inequality, both social and economic, you hold a central place in challenging the wealthy elite who are living in a bubble of comfort while millions remain marginalized. You recall and invite us to recognize that health cannot be a luxury of the few. You address poverty as a matter of justice before it is a matter of charity. You call us to bridge the gap between the privileged and the disadvantaged. Loving God, keep our hearts restless. Keep our hearts open that we might truly hear your voice and respond as you would respond with love.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Saturday 16th May 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloude-mans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- Anniversaries**
- * Nancy McNamara
 - * Basil Pereira
 - * Jim Barry
 - * Christine Kerr
 - * Lewis W King
 - * Nicola D'Andrea
 - * Roland Frost
 - * Philip Platel
 - * Sr Helen Frawley
 - * Pope Francis

PARISH BAPTISMS

The parish congratulates the family of Henry Johnson who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



VOLUNTEER AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS

If you would like to be involved in the music ministry or to help in the church before and after mass, please contact the parish office.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Our celebration of Mothers' Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge those who gave us birth. The month of May is traditionally the Month of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. During our masses this weekend we recall the memory of those mothers no longer with us and ask God's blessing on all those who enrich our lives.



MASS COUNT

Over the next three weekends the number of parishioners attending Mass will be counted in order to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the archdiocese.

MASS COLLECTION 3/05/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 633.65
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 307.15
Envelopes	\$ 240.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 802.00.
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 592.00
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