

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
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
*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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.
I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; /
on the third day he rose again from
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the
holy catholic Church, / the communion
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /
the resurrection of the body, / and life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
*After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:*
R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
P. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,
purified by your graciousness, we may be
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER
After the Preface, we sing or say:
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE
P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14:15-16
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 for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts

the strength of this saving food. Through
Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL
LOVE, PEACE AND THE SPIRIT

Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are
sparked by a question from Judas (not
Iscariot). He wants to know how, during
Jesus’ forthcoming physical absence, the
community of believers will have a sense
of his presence, even though to the rest
of the world he will be entirely absent. In
response, Jesus insists upon three things:
love, the Paraclete (Holy Spirit) and
peace.
First of all, believers who truly love Jesus
have his word that he and the Father
have made their ‘home’ within them. The
‘community of love’ constituted by Father
and Son will ‘dwell’ (literally, ‘set up
house’) within their hearts. While, unlike
the original disciples, they may not see
and hear and touch Jesus physically, faith
will give them a sense of living constantly
the extraordinary of being ‘at home’ with
God and God’s ‘at home-ness’ with them.
Secondly, to compensate for the loss of the
teaching, guidance and encouragement
under trial given by Jesus, they will have
the presence of the Holy Spirit. The
description of the Spirit as ‘Paraclete’ or
‘Counsellor’ takes its cue from the sense
of a powerful and respected friend who
stands by you when you are in trouble or
under accusation—the sort of person you
would like to have in court as both lawyer
and character referee.
Finally, Jesus will bequeath to the
community the gift of peace. This does
not mean that there will never be disputes
or disagreements but rather that there
will be given a capacity for resolving
such disputes in such a way that peace is
restored or even more deeply secured.

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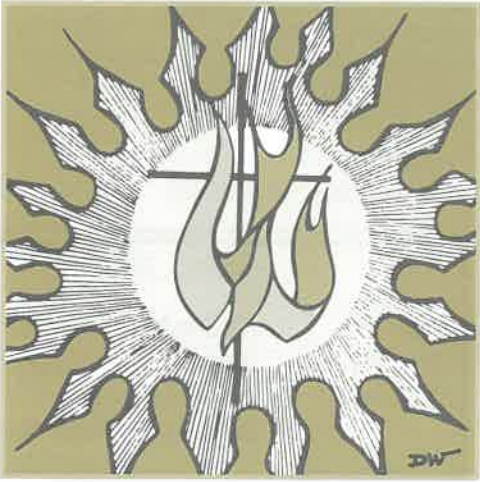
OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C
26 May 2019

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.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.
GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And grant us your salvation.
P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory. / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, /
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.



RESP 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.
R. Thanks be to God.

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St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25TH & 26TH MAY 2019

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MASS TIMES:

Weekend
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Weekday
Monday 9am Communion Service
Tues-Fri 9am preceded by Rosary
SPECIAL DEVOTIONS
Friday after 9am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena,
Benediction

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt

BAPTISMS

Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.
Enquires are to be directed to the Parish Of-
fice.

FEAST DAYS

26th May 6th Sunday of Easter
27th May St Augustine of Canterbury
31st May The Visitation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary



ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL: Thankyou for your kind donations for Chaplaincy Sunday.

Your donation of \$326.85 goes towards prison Chaplaincy, Youth Justice, Health Care & HIV/AIDS Chaplaincy.

'PLEDGE TO PRAY' Is an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based on the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. Our Melbourne Vocations Office is inviting us to 'pledge a prayer' at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au for vocations in Australia particularly in the lead up to Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December 2019.

THANKSGIVING: Have you considered paying your Thanksgiving and Presbytery donation to St Agnes via direct debit or credit card? This reduces the work of the counters, decreases the risk of theft and administration costs. If, we, all increase our thanksgiving by a small amount, collectively it adds up to a larger amount. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

VOLUNTEERS: The Parish is looking for volunteers to help with all Ministries in the parish. Please speak to Fr O'Reilly if you can help or contact the Parish office. All Volunteers are welcome and need to have a W.W.C. C.

SOCIAL LUNCH: The next Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on the 6th of June at the Highett R.S.L. All are welcome. Please contact Sybil on 9555 8336 for more information.

Sick List - Monica Harris
Anniversaries - James Malane
Deaths - Faye Goward &
Fr Raymond John Deal



O Lord comfort those who suffer, especially the sick, the poor, and the unemployed

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION OF OUR ST AGNES CHILDREN will be on Friday 31st May 2019.

Let us pray that the children will seek to identify themselves as Christians through this Confirmation of their Baptism vows and the reception of the Eucharist. May the children, through these sacraments experience the gift of the Holy Spirit—GOD'S loving presence with us.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop P Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 2 June at 11:00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Registration closes Friday 24 May.

HOMELESSNESS - WHAT CAN PARISHES DO? The will be a forum on Saturday, 8 June 2019 at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne from 9.30am - 1.00 pm. The forum will focus on demonstrating practical ways participants can increase or renew support for homeless people in our communities. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au. Tel 0497 780 233.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE REUNION FROM 1969

Please join us for a special 50 year+ reunion for the classes of 1969 and before. This celebration of students who attended St Bede's College over 50 years ago will be on Friday 21st June at 11:30am in the function room. The cost is \$50 and it includes refreshments, a 3-course lunch and a glass of beer. Bookings on www.trybookings.com/bayzz or contact Jo Hynes on 9582 5999.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Have patience,
God isn't
finished yet."
Philippians 1:6

St John's Gospel, written in Greek, uses a particular word for the Holy spirit: the word "paraclete". Literally, it means "called to one's side".

God's Spirit is the patient teacher at our side, guiding and encouraging. The experience of God's inner presence not only brings enlightenment, helping us make sense of the events of our lives, it transforms us as people, calming and sanctifying. Jesus speaks of it as "shalom", the Hebrew greeting which means more than peace: it conveys a sense of well-being; of things "starting to come together". This was Jesus' parting gift to his disciples.

Application

As we become aware of the Spirit of Jesus at our side and at home within us, the miracle continues for us all. Life may seem very dark and confusing at times, closed in, even. Patiently, however, the Spirit traces those words of Jesus into our hearts and minds, helping us to make sense of the events of our lives, shaping us to fulfil our potential as God's own holy people. God's word, dwelling deeply within, changes us until it is Christ himself is in us. We, too, are called to the sacred work of companioning others, to be at the side of suffering people as advocates for those who cannot speak up for themselves; as encouragers to the despairing; guides to the lost; and comforters to the hurting. It requires us to keep trying when people give up on themselves and to forgive when they seem ungrateful. This is how Jesus loves. It is why we must allow all He teaches to become part of who we are: if you love me, he tells us today, you will keep my word. *The Living Word*



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS

Thankyou to all the parishioners who have contacted the parish office and have either given a copy of their W.W.C / Police check details to us or have started the application process. **We still have a lot of Parishioners** who volunteer in the parish but do not have their W.W.C and/or police check. If you are one of these volunteers please attend to your application ASAP. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. **As a Parish we are committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them.** Please go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to apply for a W.W.C.C or to obtain a Police Check please drop into the parish office and pick up a form.

If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply for W.W.C.C and a Police Check please drop into the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for volunteers. Thankyou.

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"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. *Parish Development, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

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DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTER	OVERHEADS
25th May - Vigil	Natalie Cerovac, Lynn Lewis	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
26th May - 10am	Catherine Gill, Margaret Taylor (1st Reading)	2 Volunteers, Antoinette Cesaro © Volunteer & P Wickremasinghe	Group 4	Emilka Paplinski
1st June - Vigil	Natalie Cerovac & Patricia Dwyer	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
2nd June - 10 am	Denis Flynn & Mary Moran	H Reece, P Wickremasinghe & C Gill © H Reece & P Wickremasinghe	Group 1	Stephen D'Souza