

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Zeluis Barreto, Colin Rowe and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 31st May — Indian & Sri Lankan Community.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Attention Parents and Carers!
If your child goes to the toilet or just outside of the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

Helpers are needed for Cleaning the Church Garden.

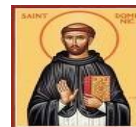
Would you spare a couple of hours to clean up the church garden at your convenience time? If so, please ask Fr Peter for any tools needed.

A Big Thanks to those who already doing it, very much appreciated.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT CONTINUE.

PLEASE HELP US COUNT ATTENDANCE AT MASS, INCLUDING BABIES.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

25th May 2025

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8
R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

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

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Historical Context – The time of absence

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century) the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

Gospel Focus – Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

Different View – Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

Feast Days for the Month of June

Sunday 1st: The Ascension of the Lord Sunday
Jubilee of children, Families, Elderly and Grandparents.

An invitation to all the families, children and grandparents to attend the Holy Mass for a special blessing in this Jubilee Year.

Sunday 8th: Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 15th: The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 22nd: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Tuesday 24th: The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 27th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 29th: St Peter & St Paul, Apostles



**Next Sunday 1st June—Baptism Information Preparation
At 3.00pm in the church for Parents and Godparents.
Please call the office to register your attendance**

Next Sunday—Sale of Food

led by the Vietnamese Community

**Please support this fundraising by donating food.
All funds toward the maintenance of the church.**



A powerful invitation

“A mother's life shouldn't be left to chance”

On **Wednesday, 5 June at 7:00 PM**, we are co-hosting a public event with the Australian Catholic Medical Association at **St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak**, titled: **“A Mother's Life Shouldn't Be Left to Chance”**

Our keynote speaker is **Abraham Muma**, Health Services Coordinator at Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia. Abraham will share powerful frontline stories of women who walk for days - while in labour - just to give birth in overcrowded, under-resourced make-shift shelters. It's a rare opportunity to hear directly from someone living this mission.

We would be honoured if you could attend, and warmly encourage you to share this invitation across your parish bulletins, newsletters, and social channels. This evening is *free and open to all* - parishioners, healthcare professionals, donors, students, and anyone who feels called to respond to this urgent need.

■ **Event Flyer with QR code to RSVP is attached**

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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