



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022

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“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.” In John’s gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Into your gentle keeping, O Lord,
we commend our brothers and sisters.

Though our hearts are troubled,
we hope in your loving kindness.

By the sign of the cross they were claimed for Christ,
and in the waters of baptism they died with Christ to
live in him for ever.

May the angels, our guardians,
lead them now to paradise where your saints will
welcome them and every tear will be wiped away.
There we shall join in songs of praise for ever.

We ask this Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Taken from *Order of Christian Funerals* (1989; E.J. Dwyer Australia Pty Ltd)

Emerging out of COVID

**Mass to commemorate those who have died during
the COVID Pandemic,
St Patrick’s Cathedral, Sunday 22 May 11.00am.**

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID has had in our families and communities, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral this Sunday 22 May for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic (including but not limited to those who have died from COVID).

This Mass and all our weekend Masses at the Cathedral this weekend will be offered for all the faithful departed who have died during this time and whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm
(1.00pm live streamed - Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.
(11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)
Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Reconciliation will be held Monday to Friday at 1.30pm
(After 1.00pm Mass) and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am
(After the 8.00am Mass)

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.



Entrance Hymn CWBII 497 v1,2,3

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord!
In the world’s despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast,
God is on his throne eternal,
he alone the first and last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father’s glory,
with the Father, ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God, before all time began,
light of light, to Earth descending,
Man, revealing God to man.

God is speaking by his Spirit
speaking to the hearts of men;
in the age-long Word declaring
God’s own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

Text: George Williams Briggs.

1st 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.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 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 ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

2nd Reading Rv 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.

Gospel Acclamation CWBII 52

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.

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.’

Communion Hymn CWBII 645

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Sunday 11.00am - The Call of Wisdom - Will Todd

Sunday 6.30pm - Communion antiphon:
Spiritus Sanctus

Hymn after Communion/Recessional Hymn

God is love, let heaven adore him CWBII 499 v1,2,3

1. God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.
2. God is love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
O'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874 -1939).

Organ Recessional

Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm
- Modus Ludendi Pleno Organo Pedaliter (SSWV157)
- Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

The 2022 National Mass Count will take place
at all Masses during the weekends in May.



Wedding Congratulations

Jonathan Yeo and Nikita Nguyen
Davide Mazzei and Bemvinda Luy

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPCYAG)
(age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Please join us for the following events

LECTIO DIVINA on Wednesday 25 May
(6:30pm to 8:30pm)

Venue: Albert Room, CKC, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Session starts with the recitation and reflection of the Holy Rosary followed by LECTIO DIVINA (Bible sharing) for the coming Sunday Gospel Reading.

SOCIAL NIGHT on Sunday 29 May 2022 from 6pm till late

Rosary at 6pm at the Lady Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by 6:30pm Sunday Mass and dinner and drinks after that.

For further information, please contact
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Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom.

Engaging Your Faith - Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session running 3 to 28 May 2022.

Booking, payment and further information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Tuesday 24 May - | Our Lady, Help of Christians,
Patron of Australia (Solemnity) |
| Wednesday 25 May - | St Bede the Venerable
St Gregory VII
St Mary Magdalene de"Pazzi |
| Thursday 26 May - | St Philip Neri (Memorial) |
| Friday 27 May - | St Augustine of Canterbury |
| Sunday 29 May - | The Ascension of the Lord
(Solemnity) |

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

29 May - Cathedral Baptism
10 June - Concert in Cathedral David Drury
16 June - Baptism Preparation Evening
26 June - Cathedral Baptism

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Michael Buck

Assistant Priest of Cathedral

Rev. Alexander Chow

Priest in Residence

Rev Zaher Mhanna

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SAFEGUARDING.

Child Protection Officer:

Rev Alexander Chow

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office. Further information refer to website (<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>).

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Albert Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Last Sunday of each month:
6pm Rosary, 6:30pm mass,
followed by meal.

Contact Fr Alex Chow

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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.
We pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time and all those who have died recently.

We pray especially today, across our Archdiocese, for all those who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic.

May they know fullness of eternal life in God's kingdom.