

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.'

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

22 MAY 2022

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and
the Father will love him.' Put like that it sounds
so simple and yet in the life of the early Church
one of the burning issues was what it meant to
keep Jesus' word. For Jewish Christians being
faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of
Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do
the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes
how Jewish Christians who came from Judea
to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping
the law was the principal way that a person
could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy
consideration, was to propose a compromise
that was hoped would enable both Jewish and
Gentile Christians to live in peace with one
another and to partake in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no
means without conflict, misunderstanding,
or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard
to see the signs of the times and to discern
what it was that the Lord was asking of them.

In the midst of all this Jesus' promise of the
Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort.
Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our
hearts be troubled or afraid. John's vision of
the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us
heart knowing that the goal of our journey is
in sight. With Christ as our light there is no
need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.**

22 May 2022
6th Easter Yr C

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS
			Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon: No Mass	Tues: 12pm *Our Lady Help of Christians	*Or by appointment
	Wed: 12pm	Thurs: 9am St Philip Neri	
	Fri: 9am	Sat: 9am	

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 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.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Roy Carpenter, Warwick McKeon, Laurence McDonnell.

Anniversaries: Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), Peg MacRae (4/5)

Deceased: Eva May McLean, David Owens, Kathleen Griffin (Lismore), Ivan Abra, Annette Hardy, Maria Mood, John Steer, Terry Burke.

Sick: Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND FOR ALL PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE IMPACTS OF WAR. DEAR LORD WE PRAY YOU MAY GRANT THEM FREEDOM AND PEACE

COMING EVENTS:

24 May Feast of Mary Help of Christians, 12 pm mass at St Patrick's
29 May The Ascension of The Lord **5 June** Pentecost Sunday
12 June Feast of The Holy Trinity **19 June** Corpus Christi

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (contactless option) BSB 082105

1st Coll: Presbytery (Dioc. Priests) Acc 001023642 **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand

Sr Mary MacKillop 1877



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN IS REQUIRED

THANKS AND WELCOME: We thank Father Ross O'Brien for so kindly supplying to us for Father Anthony. We truly appreciate his pastoral care. We are delighted to now welcome Fr John McHugh for a few weeks supply during Fr Anthony's leave. Thank you Fr McHugh for providing our pastoral care.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP KENNEDY: The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 recently passed the NSW Upper House by 20 votes to 17, having already passed the Lower House in October last year. While amendments will be debated, this does unfortunately mean that our elected representatives have legalised euthanasia in our state. I want to thank each of you who signed petitions, wrote or spoke to your local MP, prayed, and encouraged others to do the same. May God bless and reward you for all of your efforts. Putting time and effort into a campaign to help protect some of society's most vulnerable members, and then losing, can be discouraging and deflating, and it is important that we acknowledge this. At the same time, and in the lead up to a Federal Election, it is important that we think and pray about how Jesus calls us to greater responsibility in how we honour, value and care for the most vulnerable members of our society, being mindful to keep their God-given dignity intact. Let us continue to build a civilisation of life and love one person at a time.

SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: This Tuesday is the solemnity of Mary Help of Christians with a special Mass to be celebrated at St Patricks at 12pm. As the Patron of our Diocese and Patron of our Country this is a special day to offer prayers of thanksgiving and intentions.

****READERS REQUIRED:** Following our unusual times of late, we would like to organise ongoing rosters for reading and other tasks needed in the Parish such as counting, cleaning and altar linen. If you are able to assist with any of these, especially reading, please drop the parish an email, visit the website and leave feedback, or give us a ring. Training will be provided. We need more volunteers to share the load and cover absences for these important tasks.

PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER: Catholics across the country are being invited to participate in a new prayer pilgrimage as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The "Walking in the Spirit" pilgrimage has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers. The prayer pilgrimage will lead up to the opening of the second—and final—assembly on Sunday 3 July. You may access resources at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/>

PARISH CENTRE HIRE: The lower level of our lovely parish centre is now available for event hire to the public. (no 18th's/21st's). Please contact the office for information and bookings.

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 22/5/22

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team G&M Thrift; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 28/5 K O'Brien J Cunningham
Altar Linen E Jackson

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 29/5/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn Volunteer
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 4/6 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen: E Smyth / B Flood

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

