



Gospel Jn 14:15-21

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-ll-el. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

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First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

*(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.*

or

(R.) 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 from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

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.

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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To all our mums.

Thank you and God Bless you.

First Reconciliation Programme

Our parish children have now begun preparation for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please let us help them to feel very welcome at our masses,
and may we give them the best possible example.

Parents are reminded to help their children by sitting closer to the altar
so that they can follow what is happening.

Please switch off mobiles while in church.

Jesus believes a sinner has a future not just a past.

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.

Readers next week: J Russell, S Bell; C Jordan, M Ingram, N Whittaker; M Crowe, L Jones.

Become a Catechist in 2023. Half of the Catholic children in Sydney are educated in public schools. Our parish catechists teach around 120 children each week at Clovelly Public School. Two more of our long-term catechists have retired, so we need replacements to continue this important ministry. Lessons are on Tuesday mornings. Find out more about the work of catechists at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org>, email the parish or contact **Fr Laurie** or **Joanne Russell 0467 023 962.**

You are all most welcome to sit closer to the altar.

When we visit someone at their home,
would we normally insist on sitting near the exit?

Musicians /singers needed at our weekend masses.

If you have been blessed with some musical talent,
Please think about using it for the glory of God at our masses.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK OR ELDERLY

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion
but is unable to come to Mass please notify the priest.

BAPTISMS: 4TH Sunday of the month only. Meeting with Fr Laurie required
BEFORE Baptism can proceed. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently deceased; Judith Bokeyar, Henry Moloney,

Anniversary: All deceased mothers, Jacqui Van Cauwelaert, Michael O'Sullivan.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.