

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 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

*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.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

14 MAY 2023

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

One of the most touching phrases in John’s
Gospel is Jesus’ promise before his death that
he would not leave his disciples orphans. The
quality of his presence among them would
change after the resurrection. In the future
the Spirit would be the one instructing,
strengthening, and protecting disciples.
Jesus promises that whoever receives his
commandments will be loved by the Father.
This promise is fulfilled when the Samaritans
become believers through Philip’s ministry
of preaching and healing. Samaritans were
considered heretical Jews, but their positive
reception of the word prompted the Jerusalem
community to think again and to send Peter
and John to welcome them into the larger
community. The gift of the Spirit through
the laying on of hands is the sign of God’s
blessing and of their full incorporation into
the growing Christian family.

The first letter of Peter was written in a
time of great trial and opposition. How were
Christians going to respond to false charges
against them? How were they able to give
a credible account of their Christian faith?
These early Christians were urged to remain
steadfast and true to their values and belief.
Like them, we are encouraged to find our
source of strength in the example of Jesus who
suffered and died for us even though he was
innocent. It is not an easy path we are asked
to tread but we are encouraged to see that our
best defence is the quality of our lives and the
depth of our hope.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

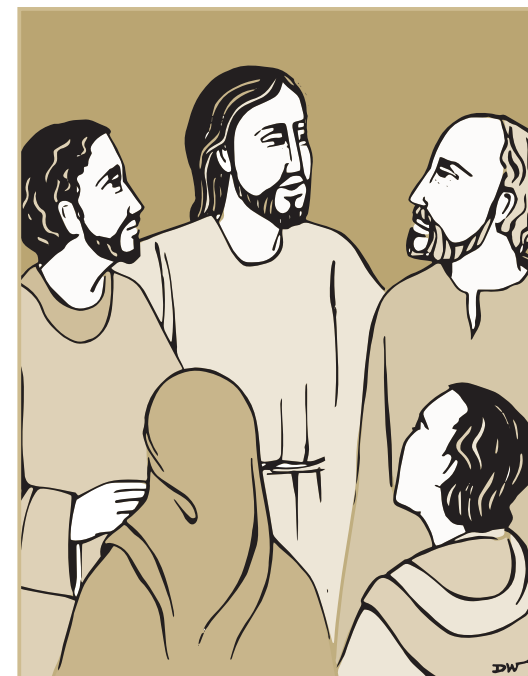
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy. (or Alleluia!)

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 for me. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*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.

■ The word of the Lord.

Welcome to
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6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection:

Peter urges Christians to live the kind of exemplary lives that would move someone to ask about our faith. The presumption being that our lives are distinctive and appealing enough to raise interest. When asked about our beliefs, Peter urges us to respond with a gentle respect for the person who asks.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Has your example ever aroused interest in someone about your faith?
- Did your response lead to a personal sharing of your faith with them?
- Have you prayed for them since that discussion?

Baptism

We welcome Luca William Caniglia, son of Rebecca and Zane into our parish community. Luca will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Caniglia family.

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
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MASS THIS WEEKEND

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes
before weekend Masses*

Sat 13 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 14 May 8am **Giuseppina & Giuseppe Zampogna** OLGC
 Sun 14 May 9.30am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 16 May 7pm St Dom
 Wed 17 May 9am St Dom
 Thurs 18 May 9am OLGC
 Fri 19 May 9am St Dom
 Fri 19 May 10.30am Shawford Lodge
 Sat 20 May 9am OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 20 May 6pm St Dom
 Sun 21 May 8am OLGC
 Sun 21 May 9.30am St Dom
*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning
Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard
9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive
Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, we wish all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers and women mentors a very happy Mother's Day. We thank you for enriching our lives in so many ways. We pray also for those who have been a mother figure to us and have passed on. The care and support given has not been forgotten.

Mother's Day Masses

Tuesday 16 May 9.30am OLGC
 Wednesday 17 May 9am St Dominic's
 Whole school masses.

Saturday Soup Nights in Winter

Soup & bread nights are on again beginning Saturday 3 June after the 6pm St Dominic's Mass. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup. If you can help with making soup please use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

Upcoming Events

Parish Pastoral Council: 18 May 6.30pm Innaloo
Confirmation: 27 May 6pm St Dominic's
 28 May 8am OLGC
First Holy Communion: 11 June 8am OLGC
 18 June 9.30am St Dom

Rosters this weekend	13 May 6pm St Dom	14 May 8am OLGC	14 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	M Smith	O Pilot
Acolyte	P Wall		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		B Gascoigne M Tester	Morning Tea after Mass

Rosters next weekend	20 May 6pm St Dom	21 May 8am OLGC	21 May 9.30am St Dom
Readers	H Corray	E Gomm	Ramona
Acolyte	W Italiano		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society		K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	

Parish Golf—This Sunday 14 May with tee off 4pm at Hamersley Golf Course.

Readers Meeting—All Readers are asked to attend a brief meeting after Mass this weekend, 13/14 May.