

Religious Education

Sunday, 17 May 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A
Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.



Gospel Reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

Living the Gospel – Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

We continue to welcome our students back to school this week. We also welcome Fr Alejandro and Fr Leonides back into our learning spaces online through Zoom meetings. Thank you Year 4 for engaging in a rich discussion about the Holy Spirit during your Religion Zoom lesson.

As we continue celebrating the season of Easter, here is a link to everything you need online to keep participating in weekly and daily Mass as well as great prayer resources and spiritual reading put together by the Diocese of Parramatta;

<https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/>



Happy Birthday!



Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and will celebrate this coming week;

May

Mon 18th
Tadhg McGowan
Livia Gigliucci

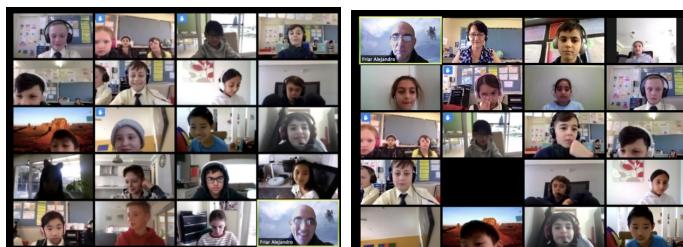
Thurs 21st
Matthew Metcalfe

Wed 20th
Carissa Lewis
Benjamin Morr
Daniel Morr
Madeleine Nasso
Claire Alcock

Fri 22nd
Hailey Cassetta
Sienna Mearns
Sun 24th
Kelci Reese Anonical

Year 4 Yellow Zooming with Father Alejandro

This week Fr. Alejandro caught up with Year 4 Yellow via Zoom to discuss the question "Why believe in what we cannot see?" This was a lively discussion and a great example of how technology connects us with each other while we are apart. A huge thank you to Fr Alejandro who put so much effort and enthusiasm into this learning opportunity for Year 4. The Zoom session was recorded and then shared with Year 4 Blue and Year Green. Congratulations to Fr Alejandro, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lee and Mrs Di Stefano for being so adaptive.



Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Tanios Assaf KG
Kai Theoharous KG
Ethan Chetty 1G
Henri Leopardi 1G
Adam Salib 1Y
Edward Taylor 1B
Aiden Theoharous 1B
Sebastian Brook 2Y
Sienna Fernandes 2G
Dayna Mills 2Y
Lauren Spragg 2B
Finnegan Brook 3B

Oliver Como 3G
Ryan Shepherd 3B
Alicia Dib 4Y
Theodorus Kinsong 4Y
Ryan Salib 4Y
Matilda Scothern 4G
Amelia Blackwell 5Y
Zachary Brook 5B
Gabriella Fernandes 5G
Cooper Mills 6B
Sean Salib 6G
Jemima Scothern 6B

Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students:
Friday 28th August

Sent Home This Week:

Emailed: Mother's Day Liturgy Link, Gradual Transition Back to School Weeks 3 and 4
Hard Copy: N/A

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