

## GOD REIGNS THROUGH THE SPIRIT

As we near the end of the Easter Season and approach Ascension and Pentecost, the liturgy contains a gospel reading that refers to the Holy Spirit. There is a promise of the coming of the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. There is a promise of the divine dwelling among us, the promise that the Spirit will be both *with* us, and *in* us.

The Advocate or the Paraclete is reflected in the various English translations of the noun *parakletos* for “comforter” or “counsellor”. This noun derives from the Greek verb *parakaleo* which has many meanings including “to encourage”, “to comfort and console” “to call upon for help” and “to appeal.”

The Paraclete is not simply another name for the Spirit but is a way of describing the functions of the Spirit. What the Paraclete does is not new but is a continuation of the work of Jesus. God is present among the community of the faithful through the Spirit.

The coming of the Holy Spirit, therefore, crowns the promise of the divine presence. It is as though Jesus says, “Through the Holy Spirit I will be with you always. You will not be abandoned; you will not be orphans”. The coming of the Paraclete ensures that the revelation of God in the incarnation does not end with Jesus’ death and return to God. This Holy Spirit will continue Jesus’ presence on earth.

In the face of their fear, anxieties, and despair, these promises are made directly to the disciples. Jesus assures them of new life and hope through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers his disciples the good news of the love of God and of the abiding presence of God with them, even when the circumstances of their lives seem most unpromising. Jesus speaks words of hope with the assurance of God’s presence, so that the disciples can live a life shaped not by Jesus’ absence, but by his unending presence.

God is always with us, and his presence will continue and grow despite our fears and distress. What Jesus promises provides endless resources for the life and faith of the church.

His promises give the church renewed strength and hope even when, as God’s people, face the many difficulties and challenges of our day. Therefore, we shall not fear because we are in God’s care, we are in the community of love and God is present in our midst.

The promises of divine presence are promises made, not to the individual, but to the community who lives in love. Those who live in love will experience God’s presence in their midst. A relationship with God does not depend on physical presence, but on the presence of the love of God in the life of the community.



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**17th May, 2020**

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Year A**

**Today's Readings**  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

**24th May, 2020**

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**Year A**

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20

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# Sunday Bulletin

## Our Lady Of The Most Blessed Sacrament Sunday Mass 9.30am

Fr Philip is inviting you to the following scheduled ZOOM meeting where Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9.30am. This will be a recurring meeting at 9.30am each Sunday. Click the 'Join Zoom Meeting' link about 5 minutes before the scheduled start. Please remember to mute your microphone before Mass.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7067419507>

Meeting ID: 706 741 9507

For those familiar with 'One tap mobile':

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Mass will also be available on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GosnellsCatholicParish/>

## Archdiocesan Mass

Archbishop Costelloe SDB will be live-streaming Mass every Sunday morning from 11.00am via the following links:

- Archdiocesan Website: [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth](https://www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth)
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Sunday Mass is also available through 'Mass on Demand' at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hCHFJD\\_HVaQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hCHFJD_HVaQ) and 'Mass for You at Home' at 6.00am every Sunday morning on Channel 10.

## Contributions To The Parish

A few people in the parish have asked how to continue their planned giving. If you are able to continue, you can either bring your planned giving offering to the office, Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 1.30pm or deposit it to the following bank account:

Account Name: Parish of Gosnells

BSB Number: 086006

Account Number: 773984777

Reference: PG - \*\*\* (your envelope number eg PG-157)

For other contributions to assist the parish, please quote LC-750 as your reference.

## Direct Debit Facility

If you are interested in using our parish's direct debit facility to ensure that your planned giving contribution is maintained, please contact the parish office.

## Do We Have Your Email?

We have been sending out important messages like pastoral letters from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the lyrics to the hymns that will be sung at Mass on Sunday to those on our email database. If you wish to have these sent to you, please forward us your email address and we will add you to our database.

## Temporary Church Closure

The Federal Government has ordered the closure of all churches to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus. All private prayer, all prayer groups in the Church and all Masses are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Baptisms and confirmations are postponed except in the case of emergencies. Weddings and funerals are allowed under strict conditions, as is Anointing of the Sick. Individual confession is still available by appointment, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Our parish office remains open from 9am-1.30pm Tuesday-Friday, and can be reached by phone on 9398 2331 or by email at [secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au)

The Archdiocese will be offering various suggestions and resources via their webpage [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au) or visit <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au> directly for a series of prayer and worship resources for individuals and families to use.

## Praying For You



### Recently Deceased

Philomina Mary  
(Sr Fatima's sister in India)

### Deceased

Eleuteria Engbino, Gregoria Engbina

### Our Sick

Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath,  
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,  
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,  
John Warui, Metilde Warui,  
Con Farano, Hirute Selassie,  
Peter Cox, Mary Hazel Calupig,  
Bill Tucker, Margaret Evans,  
Rene Priest, Erika Magness,  
Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall  
Rose Thomas



### Feast Days this Week

May 18	Mon	Pope St John I, St Erik of Sweden
19	Tue	St Dunstan, St Milburga, St Yves
20	Wed	St Bernardino of Siena
21	Thu	St Christopher Magallanes and his Companions, St Eugene de Mazenod
22	Fri	St Rita of Cascia, St Joachina de Vedruna de Mas

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## The Month of May, The Month Of Mary

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

CS 102, 103

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday this month.

### Shalom World

Look out for access to Shalom World TV via the Media Gallery available now on our parish website. Shalom World TV is a high-definition television channel of the Shalom Ministries committed to producing high-quality Catholic content such as Daily Mass, devotionals, shows, music, youth programs, children's programs, conventions, retreats, and cultural exchange segments.



Vinnies WA are now collecting non-perishable food donations to help the most vulnerable in our community. Our nearest drop off point is Ozanam House at 9 Brewer Road in Canning Vale. Please visit the link below for the full list of items that are in desperate need. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please call 13 18 12 or donate online at [www.vinnieswa.org.au](http://www.vinnieswa.org.au). Stay safe and stay well.

### St Cyril (825-869) & St Methodius (826-885) Feast Day: February 14

Cyril and Methodius must have often wondered, as we do today, how God could bring spiritual meaning out of worldly concerns. Every mission they went on, every struggle they fought was a result of political battles, not spiritual, and yet the political battles are forgotten and their work lives on in the Slavic peoples and their literature.

Tradition tells us that the brothers Methodius and Constantine (he did not take the name Cyril until just before his death) grew up in Thessalonica as sons of a prominent Christian family. Methodius, the older of the two brothers, became an important civil official. He grew tired of worldly affairs and retired to a monastery. Constantine became a scholar and a professor known as "the Philosopher" in Constantinople. In 860 Constantine and Methodius went as missionaries to what is today the Ukraine.

When the Byzantine emperor decided to honour a request for missionaries by the Moravian prince Rastislav, Methodius and Constantine were the natural choices, they had already proven themselves successful missionaries.

But there was far more behind this request and the response than a desire for Christianity. Rastislav, like the rest of the Slav princes, was struggling for independence from German influence and invasion. Christian missionaries from the East, to replace missionaries from Germany, would help Rastislav consolidate power in his own country, especially if they spoke the Slavonic language, which they did.

Constantine and Methodius were dedicated to the ideal of expression in a people's native language. Before they even left on their mission, tradition says, Constantine constructed a script for Slavonic - a script that is known today as glagolitic. Arriving in 863 in Moravia, Constantine began translating the liturgy into Slavonic. In the East, it was a normal procedure to translate liturgy into the vernacular. In the West the custom was to use Greek and later Latin, until Vatican II. The German hierarchy used this difference to combat the brothers' influence. The German priests didn't like losing their control and knew that language has a great deal to do with independence. . . . .

### Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email [safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)



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## St Cyril and St Methodius continues.....

So when Constantine and Methodius went to Rome to have the Slav priesthood candidates ordained, they had to face the criticism the Germans had leveled against them. But if the Germans had motives that differed from spiritual concerns, so did the pope. He was concerned about the Eastern church gaining too much influence in the Slavic provinces. He later approved the use of Slavonic in services and ordained their pupils. Constantine never returned to Moravia. He died in Rome after assuming the name Cyril on February 14, 869. Cyril's dying wish was that Methodius return to the missionary work they had begun.

He couldn't return to Moravia because of political problems there, but another Slavic prince, Kocel, asked for him, having admired the brothers' work in translating so much text into Slavonic. Methodius was allowed by the pope to continue saying Mass and administering baptism in the Slavonic tongue. Methodius was finally consecrated bishop - Kocel knew that having a Slavonic bishop would destroy the power of the Salzburg hierarchy over his land. Methodius became bishop of Sirmium, an ancient see near Belgrade and given power over Serbo-Croatian, Slovene, and Moravian territory. The German bishops accused him of infringing on their power and imprisoned him in a monastery until Germany suffered military defeats in Moravia. The pope intervened and Methodius returned to his diocese at the same time the Germans were forced to recognize Moravian independence. There was a loss involved - to appease the Germans a little, the pope told Methodius he could no longer celebrate liturgy in the vernacular.

In 879 Methodius was summoned to Rome to answer German charges he had not obeyed this restriction. This worked against the Germans because it gave Methodius a chance to explain how important it was to celebrate the liturgy in the tongue people understood. Instead of condemning him, the pope gave him permission to use Slavonic in the Mass, in Scripture reading, and in the office. He also made him head of the hierarchy in Moravia. The criticism never stopped Methodius. It is said that he translated almost all the Bible and the works of the Fathers of the Church into Slavonic before he died in 884.

Within twenty years after his death, it would seem like all the work of Cyril and Methodius was destroyed. Magyar invasions devastated Moravia, and the use of the vernacular in liturgy was banned. But politics could never prevail over God's will. The invasion and the ban gave the disciples of Cyril and Methodius a chance to go to other Slavic countries. The brothers' work of spreading Christ's word and translating it into Slavonic continued.

What began as a request guided by political concerns produced two of the greatest Christian missionaries and two of the fathers of Slavonic literary culture.

**In Their Footsteps:** Cyril and Methodius believed in the importance of celebrating liturgy in our own language, a privilege we have only had in last twenty years. If this change took place before your time, ask older Catholics about the differences that have taken place in their worship because of this change. If you were worshipping during the change, reflect on how celebrating in the vernacular has helped your worship and your spiritual life.

**Prayer:** Saints Cyril and Methodius, watch over all missionaries but especially those in Slavic countries. Help those that are in danger in the troubled areas. Watch over the people you dedicated your lives to. Amen



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