

Weekend Masses: YANCHEP: 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil, Yanchep Community Centre, 7 Lagoon Drive. GUILDERTON: 8 a.m. Sunday, Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street. LANCELIN: 9.45 a.m. Sunday, 33 Gingin Road, Lancelin.

Confessions: before Mass on request

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. at the presbytery, Wednesdays 3 p.m. at Bethanie Beachside Aged Care.

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We pray for the sick of our community, especially:

Pat Murphy, Ken and Toni Meek, Michael Ford, Jim Walsh, Paula Cope, Pat Barone, Josephine del Bene, Margaret Johnson, Ann Mazzella, Jeanette Heaton and Stou Peggy.

Communion Antiphon ‡ John 14:15-16

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.

Commentary on the Gospel by Dr John Bergsma

<http://www.thesacredpage.com/2013/05/kingdom-of-peace-6th-sunday-of-easter.html>

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

This passage is not a promise of infused, infallible knowledge for each individual believer. We must remember that these words were spoken to the Apostles as a group (the “Apostolic College”), and the Greek is second-person plural (“y’all”, not “you”). This is a promise of the Spirit to the whole Church, as represented by her officers, the Apostles – and by extension, their successors. This promise of being “taught” and “reminded” of the truth told them by Jesus is best expressed when they gather as a college to seek to understand and explain the faith better – which is what we saw happening in the First Reading. The Ecumenical Councils throughout history best manifest the truth of this promise of Jesus that the Holy Spirit would “teach and remind” his Church throughout time.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

On the one hand, this verse is a word of consolation to the whole Church and to each individual believer, that God will provide a supernatural peace that cannot be explained or justified on rational or observational grounds. Though all seem turned against us, and persecutions and tribulations abound, still we can experience a lasting peace unlike anything natural or of this temporal world.

On the other hand, this promise of peace follows directly from the promise of “teaching and reminding” the Apostolic College in the previous verses. The authoritative teaching of the Apostles and their successors assembled around Peter (that is, an ecumenical council) brings peace to the Church by settling questions of dispute and establishing doctrine clearly.

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Entrance Antiphon ‡ Cf. Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people. alleluia.

St Peter preaching the Gospel in the Catacombs, Jan Styka, 1902, original destroyed by fire, copy accessed at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Styka#/media/File:JanStyka-SaintPeter.jpg.

First Reading ‡ Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

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 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm ‡ Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

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.**

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.**

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 ‡ Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23

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 or 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ‡ John 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 ‡ John 14:23-29

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!