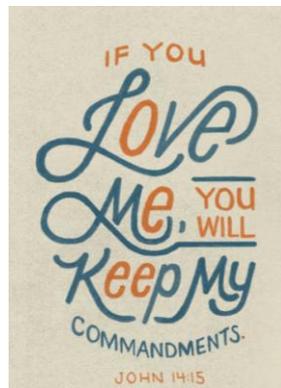


Gospel Assembly for the sixth Sunday of Easter ~ 17th May 2020



- Today's Gospel is the continuation of last week's Gospel (I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father except through me).
- Jesus is making a promise to his disciples:
 - I will not abandon you,
 - I will send you the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus uses the word *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit.
- An advocate is a supporter, but not just any old supporter, a *total* and *complete* supporter of Jesus and the Father.
- As we know, *part* of Jesus and the Father.
- So once again we are in the presence of the Trinity.

- Although Jesus is returning to Heaven, the Holy Spirit will stay forever.
- The Holy Spirit will help the disciples to understand and believe.
- The Gospel is also telling us that the Holy Spirit will help us to understand and believe.

- On Thursday we will celebrate [Ascension Day](#) which falls 40 days after Easter: Jesus ascends to Heaven to be with God the Father.

Watch the Gospel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDHOo8ops0I>

From the Holy Gospel according to St John

“If you love me, keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to help you and be with you forever,
the Spirit of truth.
The world cannot receive him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
But you know him,
Because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will not see me anymore,
but you will see me.
Because I live and you will also live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father,
and you are in me, and I am 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 too will love them and show
myself to them.”

John 14:15-21

