



New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



This verse uses the word dwelling, in Greek monai; and this word, dwelling, as in English, can be both a noun, and a verb. In this verse it is best to understand it as a verb, and the rest of the chapter describes what these many 'dwelling' are.

14:10 'Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells (meno) in me does his works.'

14:16 'And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you forever.'

14:17 '... even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells (meno) with you, and will be in you.'

14:23 Jesus answered him, 'If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and dwell (meno) with him.'

14:25 'These things I have spoken to you, while I dwell (meno) with you.'

So the chapter speaks of the dwelling of God – the Father, Jesus and the Spirit – with and in the believers.

In Israel, the great symbol of the presence of God dwelling in their midst was the Temple, called the House of God; in John's gospel, Jesus renames the Temple in chapter 2, 'my Father's House'. So the chapter is really speaking of the dwelling of God in believers, making them a living Temple.

Even the strange verse about Jesus going 'to prepare a place,' needs to be understood in the light of Israel's Temple traditions. The prepared place in the Old Testament is the Ark of the Covenant, and the Temple:

i) 'David ... prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.' (1 Chronicles 15:1 also 15:3, 12; 2 Chronicles 1:4)

The Last Discourse of John's Gospel brings the disciples face to face with the reality of Jesus' absence. He is returning to the Father and will no longer be a physical presence with them. Jesus speaks of his going and he promises that he will return and will continue to be a presence in their midst with the Father and the Spirit.

While these words are mysterious, it is important to remember that they were written around sixty years after the death of Jesus. The continued existence of the community testifies that Jesus' promise has become a reality. This is a community of believers who no longer have the historical Jesus with them and yet they continue to experience his Risen presence. A generation who lived without ever knowing the historical Jesus know through their experience that God is still with them.

John 14 begins with the words: 'In my Father's house are many dwellings (monai); if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?'

This verse, which is often incorrectly translated as 'many rooms', or 'mansions' is frequently understood as if Jesus is talking about a heavenly home where believers will one day dwell. In fact, it is the reverse!

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	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Br Rod Ellyard
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar

May Mon 23	8.00am	Communion Service (Sixth week of Easter) Church
Tue 24	8.00am	Mass (Our Lady Help of Christians) Church
Wed 25	8.00am	Mass (Sixth week of Easter) Church
Thu 26	8.00am	Mass (St Philip Neri) Church
Fri 27	8.00am	Mass (Sixth week of Easter) Church
Sat 28	8.00am	Mass (Sixth week of Easter) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C) Church
Sun 29	7.30am	Mass (Ascension of the Lord) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Ascension of the Lord) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Ascension of the Lord) Church



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- Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 1.00pm

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Confirmation

6.30pm Friday, 10 June 2022
Commitment Mass Completed

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 11 September 2022
Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

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Dr Mary Coloe's Lectures

The Council for Catholic Women Perth warmly invite you to hear Dr Mary Coloe PVBM at two free events in Perth. Mary is a Presentation sister and a professor of New Testament Studies at Yarra Theological Union. Her primary focus in teaching and writing is the Gospel of John. An inspiring and informative speaker, Mary explores John's positive message that affirms life and speaks to the heart of human desire. Both events will be held where audience members can be appropriately spaced.

The Passion Gospel of John - Friday 10 June 6-8.30pm at James Nestor Hall Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip St West Leederville. Gather at 5.30pm for light refreshments.

Understanding The Woman at the Well Story Saturday 11 June 9.30am -12 noon at Treacey Hall, Iona Presentation College Junior School Campus. Enter from 43 Victoria Street, Mosman Park (Next to Playing Courts and opposite Cafe). RSVP by Thursday 9 June at kerryamacfarlane2@gmail.com / 0400 886 835. All welcome

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

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 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you love me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Many colleges and universities use the symbol of the burning oil lamp on their crest to represent knowledge. Why do you think that is a natural symbol? What do light and knowledge have in common? How is Jesus like a lamp? What might the oil – the fuel used for light – represent?

What do you think the world needs more of – people willing to learn, or people willing to change things? Is it harder to learn, gain knowledge, and propose solutions, or is it harder to do the work, take action, and create change? Can you do one without doing the other? Why or why not? Where might you fit in?

Next Sunday Readings

29 May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts: 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

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ii) 'And Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem in the mount of Moriah in the place which David had prepared.' (2 Chronicles 3:1)

Jesus, returning to the Father, is the means by which he enables believers to continue to have the Divine Presence dwelling in their midst, so the community becomes the Temple, the house or household of God.

I turn now to look at the section of John 14 in today's Gospel.

The Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete, a word that has its background in legal proceedings and is sometimes translated as Ad-vocate, (from the word to speak) or Counsellor. The Spirit is God on our side, our advocate, as we face the trials and troubles of our times. The Johannine community was struggling to develop its identity as they made a break from Judaism. They also had to deal with Rome and its attitudes to new sects. Those who live by the Gospel today are promised that God's Spirit is on our side as we confront a society whose values often contradict those of the Gospel. With this sure promise, the believer can experience Jesus' gift of peace.

Manning Parish Youth

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