



St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

6th Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020

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OFFERINGS: Grateful thanks for your continued support of the Parish and the Friars.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES has recognised that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone. A Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in his Cathedral every Thursday evening at 7.00pm, which will be live-streamed.

21 May: Bishop Mark Davies - Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury

28 May: Bishop Terence Drainey - St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

LOSS OF A CHILD: The parish's helpline for parents who have experienced the loss of a child may speak in confidence with a parent who understands their grief. Contact: talkaboutbabybereavement@gmail.com

Fr. Colmcille's funeral liturgy will take place on Wednesday, 27th May. In accordance with government guidelines, the funeral service will be held in private. Mass will be celebrated in private at 12.00 in St. Clare's parish Manchester. Both the Mass and the committal at Allerton cemetery will be live-streamed on Facebook.

Recently deceased: + Anthony Thompson. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Pictorial: There are limited copies of the May edition available in the friary porch. St. Anthony of Padua parish made the front cover of this month's edition.

Children's Liturgy worksheet is on page 5.

From a church newsletter

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again,"
giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Masses: (In the Friary chapel – not the church)

17. Sunday	Parishioners
18. Monday	J & I Magill rip
19. Tuesday	Paul Brown rip
20. Wednesday	Hughes Family rip
21. Thursday	Paul Curtis rip
22. Friday	Kathleen Price (Good health)
23. Saturday	Deceased Mother and her grieving family
24. Sunday	Parishioners

Masses Received. Kathleen Price (Good health) x 2, Brenda Togstead rip (Anniversary), Maureen Bowen rip (A).

In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Anthony Thompson and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Augustine Dzida, Fr. Roch Hoffman, Mollie Rimmer, Veronica Gregson-DeAsha, Catherine Gordon, Monica O'Hare, Agnes Tobin, Emily Williams, Phyllis Eileen Cody, Grace Hosker, Raymond Sutherland, Alex McMahan, Sheila Bilbao, James Carr, Michael Sampson, Maurice Power, Charles McVeigh, Elizabeth Wynne and Stephen Wearing.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer during the Coronavirus crisis.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.

Thought for the day: “I will not leave you orphans.”

As Jesus says farewell to his disciples, he knows their need for comfort and reassurance. He knows that when he leaves, they will be afraid and uncertain. They are anxious and do not seem to understand; they still have so many questions.

Jesus promises that the disciples will not be left alone. One of our deepest fears as human beings is that of abandonment. To be left alone with no one to care for us, and no one to care for, is a nightmare. Stories and fairytales about orphaned and abandoned children tap into this deep fear.

Christ promises us that we will not be left alone. He will send his Spirit to comfort and to advise us, to protect us and to be on our side – in other words, to be our Advocate. He offers this reassurance and he reminds them of the most important message that he brings, which is to live in love: to love one another as they have been loved.

Love is not just about saying the right things, but about doing the right thing. As Peter says in the second reading, “give it [the message of Christ] with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their accusations”. You can preach all you like, but if your life is lived in a way that shows people you do not really believe what you preach then your words are wasted.

We are called to live in love, not in fear or guilt. People who really love will do things for those they love because they care for them, not because they want something back. It is the mark of true love. How much do I care if that person is in pain, afraid, sad? Can I truly put his or her needs first, without thinking about what I deserve in return?

When Jesus says, “If you love me you will keep my commandments”, he is saying that we are called to act in love as well as to speak words of love. We have seen how Jesus lived his life, and even died for others. We are called to go out into the world and preach the Gospel, not just in words, but in actions. We can talk about our faith all day, but nobody will listen if the way we live shows us up.

“If you love me you will keep my commandments” is not about keeping the rules, but about living our faith every day. Like the rich young man in the Gospel story, we can keep all the commandments from the day we were born, but if we can’t live in love then all our rule-keeping is worth nothing.

People will recognize Christians by the way that they live – do they care for people who are old, sick or poor? Do they visit prisoners, feed people who are hungry, clothe those who have nothing? Or is it all just words?

Bidding Prayers Sunday 17th May 2020

Almighty and everlasting God, we come to you with open hearts. Hear our prayers because we make them in faith and in the name of Jesus your Son who is Lord forever and ever.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and hear his call to invite the faithful never to fall into despair, but to trust in Jesus in the knowledge that he is always at our side and that there is a place awaiting us in Heaven. Lord hear us.
2. In this month of May we pray to Mary, Mother of the Church, and all mothers who are suffering during this time of trial. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for Britain's postal workers during the coronavirus pandemic. We give thanks for their dedication, resilience and hard work. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for all faith communities that are enduring long-term changes to their worship in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Lord hear us.
5. We pray for our young people that they may recognise their God-given gifts and contribute to society upholding strong Christian values. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for those caring for others, in particular those who care for the sick, the dying and the bereaved; that they, and those whom they serve, are strengthened through love and compassion. Lord hear us.
7. Let us pray to hear the voice of Jesus in our daily lives. May we grow in faith, prayer and Christian service, enabling us to be living witnesses to the Lord. Lord hear us.

Father, may your love and compassion be constantly with us in our lives. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Answers to last Sunday's conundrum. Can you find sixteen books of the Bible in the following paragraph?

"I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a **fluke**). It kept people **looking so** hard for the **facts** and for others it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam**, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes**, **there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it usually** takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can **compete**. Relax now. There really are the names of sixteen books in this story.

Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, Esther, Hebrews, Peter



Sunday 17 May 2020
John 14:15-21
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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

SPECIAL FRIEND

Can you find these words from today's Gospel?

FRIEND

- HOLY SPIRIT
- LOVE
- KNOW
- JESUS
- KEEP
- US

K	E	E	P	K	P
F	R	I	E	N	D
U	S	E	V	O	L
H	O	L	Y	W	K
S	P	I	R	I	T
J	S	U	S	E	J

"If you love me", Jesus says to his disciples, "you will keep doing all the good things I have told you". Jesus then tells them that he will leave them a very special friend, the Holy Spirit. We may not see the Holy Spirit, but we will know the Holy Spirit who lives in us and will help us.

Daily challenge

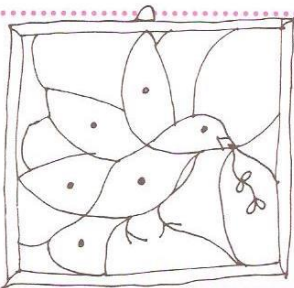
This box has some loving actions on its sides.

Add your own ideas on the blank sides and colour it in.



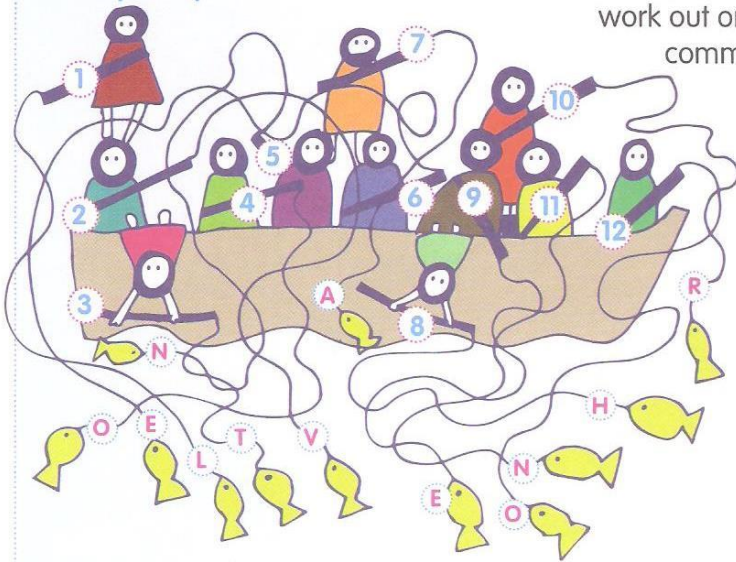
Ask a grown up to help you cut it out and fold into a little box. You can roll the box each day and then do the loving action!

Who is hidden?



Colour in the sections with a dot and you will find a symbol of the special friend Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit.

Keep my commandments The disciples are trying to work out one of Jesus' commandments.



Can you help them by putting the letters they have caught in the right order?

1 4 2 11 O E 12 5 6 7 9 12 3 8 6 10

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I love you and I know you love me too. Walk with me always and show me how to be kind and loving. Amen.

Answers: Keep my commandments: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.