St. Anthony of Padua
Parish Newsletter

7th Sunday of Easter **16th May 2021**

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Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 11.30am

Planned giving (gift-aid) envelopes are available in Church. We are extremely grateful for your donations as this helps with the running costs of the church. If you have expressed interest in partaking in this collection please contact the parish office to sign up.

Weekday Masses: there will be Mass on **Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 12.00.**

Welcome to Fr. Giles Zakowicz and fr. John Paul Banks who will assist in the parish this weekend. Grateful thanks to the friars from St. Clare's, Manchester, Barton (Manchester) and Oxford who have been covering Sunday Masses. Fr. Kevin has been advised by his doctor to take a period of time of convalescence, so for the next few Sundays there will be visiting priests helping out.

Baptisms will resume on June 26th; July 3rd, 10th and 17th; August 7th and 28th. Baptisms will also be available on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6pm [beginning June 28th] for families who prefer a weekday evening. There are currently 29 {babies and infants} awaiting baptism. Up to 30 people are permitted to attend the Baptism ceremony.

Sacraments: The preparation for initial sacraments takes place in the family home and the sacraments will be celebrated at a Sunday Mass. A significant element in the preparation for any Sacrament is attendance at Sunday Mass.

May 17th - The good news that lockdown restrictions will ease this Monday does not imply that we can become complacent when attending Church. Hand sanitisers are available in Church for use and you are respectively requested to SIGN IN or use the TEST AND TRACE when attending Mass.

Confirmation for young adults will take place this year. A definite date and location has yet to be decided but we are looking at an evening in November. H.E. Michael Cardinal Fitzgerald M.Afr., will confer the Sacrament on the candidates. Fourteen teenagers from St. Anthony of Padua will prepare for Confirmation; the highest number of candidates of any parish in Liverpool South. This is a credit to their parents who encourage and accompany the children in their journey of faith. Please pray for these young adults.

Parish Sister: Sr. Louise Gilbey, of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Evron, and formerly the Superior of Marymount Nursing Home {Nth. Mossley Hill Road} will visit the housebound in the parish. We are grateful to Sr. Louise for offering to assist the friars with this ministry.

Confession will resume in Church next Saturday at 12.00

Church Masses this week:

15. Vigil	6.00 pm	Harvey Whelan (Intention)
16. Sunday	8.00 am.	John Barrett rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Holy Souls
17. Monday	12.00 noon	Scott Simpson rip
18. Tuesday	12.00 noon	St Anthony's Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre (Covid)
19. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Church Closed
20. Thursday	12.00 noon	Church Closed
21. Friday	12.00 noon	Rev Fr James Higham rip
22. Vigil	6.00 pm	Harvey Whelan (Intention)
23. Sunday	8.00 am.	Holy Souls
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Kathleen Marr

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David

15. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
16. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention
17. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
18. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving to St Anthony (SD)
19. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Kathleen Price rip (Anniversary)
20. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
21. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
22. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
23. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent

15. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
16. Sunday	10.00 am.	Regan Family (living and deceased)
17. Monday	12.00 noon	Whelan Family (living and deceased)
18. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving to St Anthony
19. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Peggy O'Keeffe (BR)
20. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Said Yousef Mohammed Odeh rip
21. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
22. Saturday	12.00 noon	Successful cancer treatment
23. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

Masses Received. Scott Simpson rip (LD), Thanksgiving to St Anthony x 2, Said Yousef Mohammed Odeh rip (Memorial), Dr. O'Connell Family rip, Fr Innaiah & Fr Dharmaraj and the 30 families in their care at the St Anthony's Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, Covid outbreak), Rev Fr James Higham rip, Successful cancer treatment, Peggy O'Keeffe (BR).

Thought for today. "Consecrate them in the truth"

When you go to a garage to buy a new tyre or to have a puncture repaired you will often find yourself seated in a small waiting area. Hanging on the wall just above the potted plant that appears to be half dead there will be certificates for employee of the month or health-and-safety awards or the like. Very often today you can find a rather impressive framed text that declares: "Our mission is to serve the customer with a smile, with prompt attention and effectively."

Below this is a description of how the employees will achieve this remarkable feat. "We promise to give you accurate estimates of the cost of a job. We promise to use only genuine manufacturer's parts. We promise to meet any deadlines we agree to. When any problem arises we promise to hide and ignore the telephone" and so on.

This pattern is repeated in many areas of our world today. Hospitals have their Mission Statements and their criteria for assessment. Schools have their Mission Statements and their rankings in the local league tables to look forward to. Even Traffic Wardens can have goals and targets for the number of tickets to issue, while, of course, ensuring that they are smartly dressed, perfectly mannered towards an sometimes aggressive public, and able to get the offending vehicles towed away quickly to achieve the maximum effect.

Mission Statements, Goals and Objectives are so often a cynical exercise in maximising results or in taking the moral high ground over competitors. The prayer of Jesus and the mission statement of the apostles stand in stark contrast. Jesus is not concerned with efficiency or with the culture of the survival of the fittest.

The apostles, gathered to seek Judas' replacement, are not looking for the most handsome, the cleverest, or even the most eloquent person. Their criteria are quite simple. "Has he been with us since the time John was baptising? Can he witness to the resurrection of Jesus?"

Before his death Jesus prays to the Father. He prays that his disciples may be true to the Father's name; may be united just like the Father and Jesus are united; will share Jesus' joy to the full; will be protected from the evil one and consecrated to the truth. All this is necessary, for Jesus has sent his disciples into the world to proclaim the truth. The truth that Jesus himself has taught and which he received from the Father.

The apostles focus all their energy and enthusiasm upon announcing the Kingdom of God revealed through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their Mission is to proclaim the Good News to all creation. The manner in which this is done is in accordance with the prayer of Jesus.

They remain true to the Father through the dark days of despair and persecution. They are united by the love that God has poured into their hearts. They are radiant with the joy that draws others to Jesus Christ. They are not disheartened or distracted by the power of evil present in our world. They are consecrated in the truth and meditate upon it constantly. They go out with courage throughout the world announcing the Father's graciousness just as Jesus himself did.

This week, as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us focus our mind and heart upon the mission that we have as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to use our energy and enthusiasm, just as the apostles did, to announce the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are asked to dedicate ourselves to the truth just as those listening to Jesus before his death were asked to.

In our homes, in our colleges, in our workplaces, in our clubs, whose Mission are we fulfilling? Is our own desire for a comfortable life or God's desire for the entire world to know God's merciful love uppermost in our hearts? Am I consecrated in the truth or do I allow the media's world of half-truths to influence me more than the word of God? The world is in need of a people dedicated to the Mission of Jesus Christ. Others are not going to be moved or inspired by certificates that list our vague goals or Mission Statements. They are looking for lives that radiate God's saving mercy. For this great task we cannot rely on our own strength, but in God who will fill us and use us. Come, Holy Spirit!

Bidding Prayers 7th Sunday of Easter 16th May 2021

Heavenly Father, as we ready ourselves for your great coming, hear our prayers that we bring before you.

We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that, "Jesus is with us at all times although we may not know it". Sometimes we may experience a spiritual struggle as many other facets of our lives compete with our prayer time. Help us to always persevere and commit ourselves to talking to God.

We pray that the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis will swiftly come to an end before more people, including innocent children, are killed. May those in positions of power make compassionate decisions to prevent the killing of many more innocents.

Today, as we mark World Communication Day, let us be Christian evangelists in our everyday lives. Let us greet people in the manner of Jesus with open hearts, smiles and kindness. Help us to encounter and embrace all people, especially those that need lifting the most.

We pray for all volunteers that so kindly gave up their time to help people over the course of the pandemic; those who delivered food to the isolated, assisted at vaccine centres, worked with vulnerable children. We give thanks for their generous hearts and the contribution they made to our communities.

We pray for all families that are reuniting after months apart. May they enjoy and cherish seeing their loved ones faces and be blessed with many happy memories to be made.

As we approach Pentecost, let us reflect upon the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Let us take a moment for prayerful reflection…

In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Scott Simpson and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Augustine Dzida, Fr. Roch Hoffman, Kathleen Price, Mollie Rimmer, Veronica Gregson-DeAsha, Catherine Gordon, Monica O'Hare, Agnes Tobin, Emily Williams, Phyllis Eileen Cody, Grace Hosker, Raymond Sutherland, Alex McMahon, Sheila Bilbao, James Carr, Michael Sampson, Maurice Power, Charles McVeigh, Elizabeth Wynne and Stephen Wearing. We remember all those who have departed this life and are now seated in the Kingdom of Heaven. We give thanks for their life and wish them eternal happiness. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Loving Lord, keep us close as we are guided through life by Jesus Christ, your Son, who reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please pray for those who ask for prayers.

Arthur (infant), Margaret Barrow, Angela Bebb, Sonia Bechka, Carol Bennett, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Lora Busa (seriously ill). Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Margaret Hannah, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Lee McNeil, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Noah (teenager), Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington.

LOOK

Sunday 16 May 2021
John 17:11-19
7th Sunday of Easter

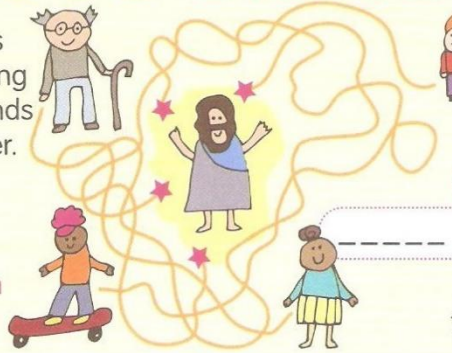
My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus prays to God the Father, asking God to look after his disciples. Jesus has taught his friends all about God the Father and how much God loves them. Jesus wants us all to know God's joy in our hearts.

JESUS BRINGS JOY

Jesus is gathering his friends together. Help them all find joy with Jesus.



Whatever we look like, whatever we do, whoever we are

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Unjumble the words to finish the sentence.

Jesus' friends

Jesus' disciples were Jesus' special friends. Here are the names of some of them. Fill in the vowels **(a e i o)** and try to remember the names. Draw yourself with them!

Joyful wordsearch

Here are some things which may make you feel joyful. Look up and down, backwards and forwards to find them:

BALLS
BIKES
DANCING
FAMILY
FRIENDS
ICECREAM
LOVE
MUSIC
PETS
PLAY
PRAYER
READING
SINGING
SUNSHINE

A	D	S	U	N	S	H	I	N	E
B	A	L	L	S	D	R	P	S	V
D	A	N	C	I	N	G	R	I	O
G	A	S	G	C	E	Y	A	N	L
N	S	F	A	M	I	L	Y	G	F
I	M	O	P	S	R	V	E	I	R
D	U	R	S	W	F	E	R	N	P
A	S	X	T	A	D	O	L	G	L
E	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	A
R	C	P	P	S	E	K	I	B	Y

Joy with Jesus!

William is happy because he knows that Jesus loves him.

Spot **five** differences between the two pictures.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, we know that you love us - thank you! May we feel the joy in our hearts that loving you brings. Help us to share our joy with other people. Amen.

Answer: Jesus loves us all. The disciples are Peter, James, John, Andrew, Thomas, Simon, Matthew, Philip and me. The differences are hair, top, backgrounds, shoes and pockets.

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