

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciple, Jude: "Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come and make our dwelling with him/her." Then Jesus begins preparing his disciples for his departure. He tells them that his Father will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Advocate will teach them everything!

Then we hear the familiar and loving words of Jesus: "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." I invite you to silently absorb his words for 2-3 minutes. Then slowly and mindfully repeat Jesus' words 4 or 5 times. Then just be still for 2 or 3 minutes.

Did you sense or experience the peace and presence of Jesus? When we are upset, troubled or fearful Jesus may feel very far away. At these times, if we consciously breathe in his peace and his presence, we may begin to experience his presence with us. However, we need to stop and breathe in the love, the peace and the presence of Jesus for a few minutes. Jesus is always with us! However, we are not always consciously in his presence. We may need to once again deliberately place ourselves in Jesus' presence. He will not fail us!



Alcoholics Anonymous: There is an Open Meeting on Wednesday 5th June in The Social Centre at St. Josephs RC church. Doors open at 7:30pm when tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served before the meeting starts at 8:00pm. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

26th MAY 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 25th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Sunday 26th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Joyce Davies RIP
Monday 27th May	<u>10:00am</u>	Paul O'Connor
Tuesday 28th May	9:30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 29th May	<u>11:00am</u> <u>7:00pm</u>	Requiem Mass – Mary Bridget Gayles RIP Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord – Intention Sick of the Parish
Thursday 30th May Feast of the Ascension	10:00am	The Ascension Mass – Intention People of the Parish
Friday 31st May		No service
Saturday 1st June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebration of 50yrs in the Priesthood Father Brian Murphy Salford Diocese
Sunday 2nd June	9:30am 11:00am	Tony, Patrick & Ellen Kearns RIP People of the Parish
Monday 3rd June	9:30am	Father Brian Murphy Parish Priest St.John Southworth Nelson celebrating 50 yrs in the Priesthood

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please
phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for
emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize

This week – Mrs Renette Jensen

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Blackpool Trip: We are having a day trip to Blackpool on Saturday 26th October £10 per person. There will be a form in the porch from Sunday. A deposit of £5 is required, booking early is essential as many were disappointed last year. We will leave St Joseph's at 10am and travel home through the lights.

Coffee morning: The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday June 11th at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and cake.

Key Holders: Several times recently it has been found that the porch doors have not been properly locked (on one occasion the outer porch door was left ajar) - and/or that the Alarm hasn't been set. Would all key holders please ensure that both doors in the "old" porch and the "new" porch have been locked – and the alarm is activated. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading John 14: 23-29



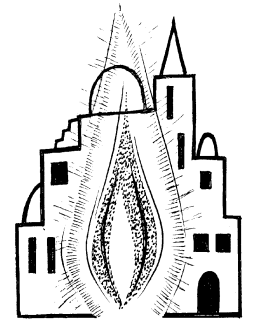
Jesus said to his disciples. "If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him - we'll move right into the neighbourhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn't mine. It's the message of the Father who sent me.

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left - feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

"You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away, and I'm coming back.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I'm on my way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of my life.

"I've told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me. I'll not be talking with you much more like this because the chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don't worry - he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father's instructions right down to the last detail.

"Get up. Let's go. It's time to leave here."



THE GLORY OF GOD
ENLIGHTENS THE CHURCH

The Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation: The Feast of the Ascension is on May 30th this year. The Mass times are as follows:
Wednesday 29th May – Vigil Mass at 7pm
Thursday 30th May – Mass at 10am

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Summer Family Fun Day

We will be having another Parish Fair on Saturday 29th June, the event starts at 12:30pm. The stall sign-up list is in the church porch so if you can volunteer to run a stall please sign up. We also need volunteers to help with setting things up in the morning. Thank you.

Bottle Stall

We would be grateful for donations of bottles for the **Bottle Stall**.

Bottles of anything from a bottle of pop, jam, ketchup – to wine, whisky, gin or brandy would be welcome. Please mark them for the Parish Fair to separate them from the Food Bank donations.

On a lighter note

A man who was an avid golfer finally got a once in a lifetime chance for an audience with the Pope. After standing in line for hours, he got to the Pope and said, "Holiness, I have a question that only you can answer. You see, I love golf, and I feel a real need to know if there is a golf course in heaven. Can you tell me if there is?"

The Pope considered for a moment, and replied, "I do not know the answer to your question, my son, but I will talk to God and get back with you."

The next day, the man is called for another audience with the Pope to receive the answer to his question. He stood before the Pope, who said, "My son, I have some good news and some bad news in relation to your question. The good news is that heaven has the most fabulous golf course that you could imagine and is in eternally perfect shape. It puts all courses on earth to shame..."

"The bad news is that you tee-off tomorrow morning."