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New Email Addresses

We have now fully switched over to the diocesan email system, so from now on **please use the new abdiocese.org.uk email addresses given above when contacting us.** The parish Tiscali email will continue to work for a while.

Coming to Mass

As restrictions are cautiously removed, people are thinking of coming back to Mass in church, so the numbers coming to church on a Sunday are beginning to rise. So can I encourage you to book for Sunday Masses via our web page (www.sjcc.org.uk/covid19). This helps us to use the space as efficiently as possible, and also guarantees you a seat!. **This is particularly helpful for the 10am (indeed if you don't book for the 10am you may not get a place)**

Mary in May

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Our Lady, and there are a couple of initiatives this year which can provide a focus for our devotions.

Praying the Rosary for the end of the pandemic

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic

Mary's Meals



named after Our Lady, Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us.

You will find inspirational resources for their 'Pray In May' campaign, including their prayer card, on their website:

www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

16th May: 7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday: Yr B, Weekdays: 7th week of Easter

The time between Ascension and Pentecost

is a special time of prayer for that gift of the Spirit to be renewed in each one of us. Perhaps during these days we could pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit each day:



*Come Holy Spirit
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love*

*Send forth Your Spirit
and they shall be created
And you shall renew
the face of the earth*

*O, God, Who by the light of the
Holy Spirit, did instruct the
hearts of the faithful, grant that
by the same Holy Spirit we may
be truly wise and ever enjoy His
consolations.*

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Providentially, the two parts of the prayer correspond to two of our readings this Sunday. In the second reading John speaks of the Spirit as the foundation of our love. Paul talks of the Holy Spirit as 'the love of God' that has been 'poured into our hearts' (Romans 5:1). That corresponds to the first part of the prayer. One image that St Augustine used for the Holy Spirit is 'the love between the Father and the Son. By receiving the Spirit we are caught up into that inner life of love of the Holy Trinity!

In the Gospel—also written by John—Jesus prays that we be 'consecrated in the truth'. This corresponds to the second part of the prayer. Elsewhere (John 14:26) he speaks of the Holy Spirit as the 'Advocate' who will teach us 'everything'. This is the foundation of our understanding that Church teaching, both down the ages and in our own time, is reliable, and indeed in some cases 'infallible'. But it is not just about handing on a bunch of information. Rather it is about understanding more deeply who God is, the extent of God's love for us as revealed in Jesus Christ, and how we more fully respond

Fr. Tony is away from Monday to Friday (In the Lake District again!) so there will be no weekday Masses this week, and the church will be closed.



We pray for those who have recently died, especially Chris Smith, the sick especially David Hammond and Marie Kelly and we keep in touch with and pray for the housebound and isolated and those who care for them.

Churches Together in Dorking

Members of CTD all pray for one church, congregation, organisation or initiative each week on a rota. This week we are praying for all those involved in the Community Fridge

Restrictions are gradually being lifted and we are able to socialise a little more. We are continuing to stream our Masses and offer opportunities to keep in touch virtually.

please contact Julie Briscoe (Julie@briscoefamily.co.uk) or Ricki Hughes (07769 824833) to get in touch with the parish outreach group.

if you or someone you know is struggling financially, the Diocese Supermarket Voucher Hardship Scheme (Vouchers for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda and Morrison's) are still available for our parishes to distribute to those in direct need, please contact Fr Tony

tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk

SJACE = St Joseph's Action on Climate and Environment

Litter Picking, meet up point St Josephs Church car park. 2pm, Saturday 22nd May. Litter pickers and bin bags provided. Bring friends and family with you for a productive walk in the open! Please bring own gloves. Contact Julie for more information:

juliemg.mcculloch@gmail.com

ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream': Led by Austin Ivereigh

Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St Benedict: Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

Fri 18th-Sun 20th June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

Our Parish hall is available for bookings, the Toddler Ballet group, dance group and AA have re-started their meetings, and from Friday June 11th 9.30–11.30am a Ukulele group will be meeting, you will need your own Ukulele! if you would like to join, contact juliemg.mcculloch@gmail.com

Weekly Timetable

*Event streamed via Zoom, contact us for joining details

† Event streamed on the parish YouTube channel

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| Sat 15th May confessions 5—5.45pm Mass 6pm | Church open 5pm Jenny Ng Ints |
| Sun 16th May 8am Mass† 10am Mass* 5pm Mass | Seventh Sunday of Easter Church/office open between Masses Celebrants Ints Patrick Grosvenor Ints For all Parishioners |
| Tuesday 18th May | Church closed. Penny will be working from home., You can contact her via email or via the parish phone number (which will be switched over to her during office hours). |
| Wednesday 19th May 11am Parish Coffee* | |
| Thursday 20th May | |
| Friday 21st May | |
| Sat 22nd May confessions 5—5.45pm Mass 6pm | Church open 5pm Maureen Joyce RIP |
| Sun 23rd May 8am Mass† 10am Mass* 5pm Mass | Pentecost Church/office open between Masses Lucy Wickens Ints Celebrants Ints For all Parishioners |
| 'Second Collection last weekend for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese £317.00, many thanks | This weekend: second collection for the Catholic Communications network. This can NOT be gift aided |

Eastertide: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/holy-spirit-novena.pdf>

50 days of celebration after Easter, one great Sunday culminating in Pentecost.

Message from Moira Swan: I enjoyed the Lenten Walk for Water Challenge so much I have decided to keep on walking & am now participating in a Pentecost Challenge - a virtual Walking Pilgrimage from Bethlehem to Nazareth, a distance of 84 miles, to be completed by Pentecost Sunday, 23 May.!!! This is in aid of Friends of the Holy Land, a charity supporting (predominantly) Christian families in the occupied West Bank & East Jerusalem, many of whom rely on tourism for an income, which has been sadly lacking during the pandemic. If any Parishioners would like to support this charity here is a link:

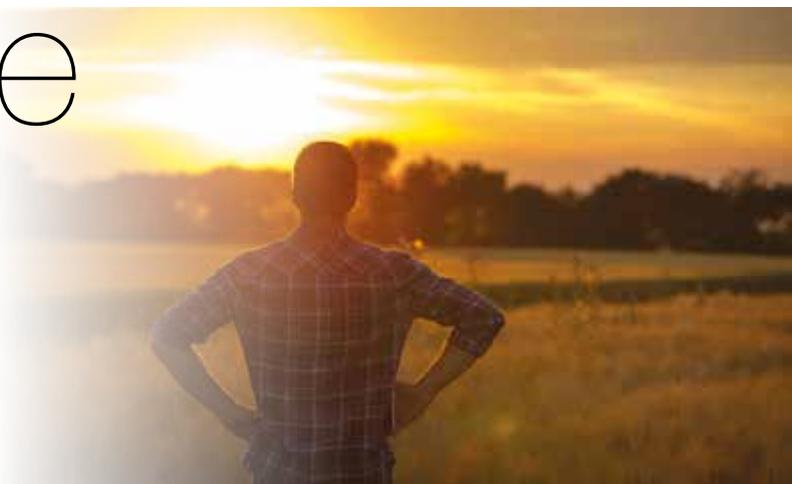
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SUNDAY PLUS

Your word is truth – is it?

Bringing the past up to date

by Fr Denis
McBride C.Ss.R.



One of the ways we try to make sense of the present is by consulting the past. When we try to figure out why things have turned out the way they have, we often search the past for an explanation. So, ancient voices are listened to with a new attentiveness and old texts are consulted with a new eye. That human effort of making sense of the present by rereading the past is one that was used widely in the early Church.

The activity of bringing the past up to date is one in which we all engage from time to

time. We review the past in the light of a new experience and in the process we begin to see a shape to our story. Certain people and dates become more important; an encounter once regarded as forgettable is seen to be directly related to what is happening now. We begin to see how our previous history contains pointers to our present situation, how everything is connected. A pattern slowly emerges. Things begin to make sense.

In today's first reading Peter is claiming the past as a reinforcement of the present. A past,

once skimmed over, now becomes part of the Church's sequence of references; what was said before becomes personal territory. The past takes on a new significance because of what is happening now. As the past throws light on the present, so the present captures the full meaning of the past. In that sense we can see how the past is not dead: it just bides its time until the full truth can be discovered.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.

True or false?

by Martin Delaney

As an actor, I am forever looking for the truth. In fact, the nature of an actor's job is "to raise the level of consciousness in the world by holding the mirror of truth to it", a wonderful acting teacher once taught me.

In our work, we are led by the word. Every clue, every hint, every detail that we mine for building our characters, comes from the script. The truth that we search for, embedded in this writing, is ever important; it is unchanging – just like God.

What happens when we drop the character and walk away from the role? For me, this is where the truth of a different word really

counts. Our authenticity beyond the set is important because it is here that I practise love. It is here that I try to live in God, in order to receive God in me.

As an actor I observe human nature – but it needs the grace of God.

Martin Delaney is an actor, writer and personal development coach. He is best-known for his work in Oscar-winning *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Now You See Me 2* and George Clooney's *Catch 22*.

Word of God, may my human words reflect your divine message of love.  Amen.

Lean on me

by Sr Janet Fearnis
FMDM

"Lean on, when you need a friend, call me, I'll be there.

Lean on, when you have a load, call me, I'll lend a hand.

Lean on, when you're down and out, call me, I'll lift you up.

Lean on, lean on, lean on. Call me, call me, call me..."

... and how many of us felt deeply moved when a hospital choir sang "Lean on me"? They sang at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps sometimes stretched beyond their limits as they provided care for others.

In many care homes, one or more staff moved into the home in order to look after our loved ones whom

the lockdown prevented us from visiting. Because of their love, my mother declared, "I'm so happy, I could dance."

On World Communications Day, let us communicate our heartfelt gratitude to those wonderful people who asked us to call on them in our hour of need. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sr Janet Fearnis is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

"We are united by faith in Jesus Christ, the one Saviour, who set us free by his precious blood and his glorious resurrection. We are united by our desire for his word that guides our steps."

Pope Francis

Today:
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11-19

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11

Wednesday:
Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11-19

Thursday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday:
Acts 25:13-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday:
Mass in the Morning
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Next Sunday:
Vigil Mass
Genesis 11:1-9
Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Joel 3:1-5

Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39
Mass During the Day
Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. “In the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

“We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.”

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.” They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 102

RESPONSE: *The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

Or *Alleluia!*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us

because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God’s love towards ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.
I have watched over them and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.
I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.