

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9th May 2021

If you have Corona Virus Symptoms:

High temperature and new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, take a test and stay at home. (NHS Advice) It is now compulsory to wear a face mask in church. Please sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

In view of the current situation, it is even more important that we take care to stay safe when we are in church. Please sit as far apart as possible and please do not congregate at the back of church to chat with others but leave safely and promptly.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 8 th May	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Eileen Sharkey (LD)
Sunday 9 th	6 th Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Edward Myers (LD)
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 10 th	Weekday of Easter	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 th	Weekday of Easter	7.30 p.m.	Sydney Firth (A)
Wednesday 12 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m.	Janet Nutter (A)
Thursday 13 th	Ascension of Our Lord	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Francis Livesy
		7.00 p.m. (St J's)	James & Hilda Marshall
Friday 14 th	St Matthias	10.00 a.m.	Refugees
	11.30 a.m. Funeral for Clifford Ball (St J's)		
Saturday 15 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (MF)
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Eddie Murgatroyd
Sunday 16 th	7 th Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
		10.30 a.m.	Clifford Ball (LD)

Confessions: Saturday : 9.30 – 10.00 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m. In the Sacristy

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed young people who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit last Thursday.

Please pray for Clifford Ball whose funeral takes place on Friday here, followed by burial at Ghyll graveyard.

Mass Intentions Received: Clifford Ball (x 5); Marilyn Cassidy (LD); Sydney Firth (A); Janet Nutter (A); Refugees; SVP & Friends; Private Intention (JW).

Weekly Offerings: (5.5.21) £462.50 Many thanks. Priests Training Fund Collection: £277.85

Weekend Mass Numbers: 5th Sunday of Easter – 102; 4th Sunday – 106; 3rd Sunday - 104

Piety / Repository Stall. Please have a look at the stall there are Mass cards and cards for other occasions, Rosary Beads and a selection of reading matter as well as a variety of small gifts.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Required - **Deputy Headteacher** from 1st September 2021

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our school which was rated as good by Ofsted in 2017 and in our Section 48 inspection of November 2018. Governors are seeking to appoint a strong, highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who is a practising and committed Catholic, to join our dedicated and caring school team. In partnership with the Headteacher you will work effectively and pro-actively with the children, parents, governing body, staff, the church and the local community.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by arrangement. Covid restrictions will be in place. Please contact the School Office to make an appointment Tel: 01282 813045

Closing date: Noon on Friday 14th May 2021

Shortlisting: Monday 17th May

Interviews: Friday 28th May 2021

Starting Date: 1st September 2021

Applications must be made using the CES Application Form only.

Application forms can be downloaded online or can be requested from:

recruitment@btlanashire.co.uk

Applications are encouraged to be returned electronically to: recruitment@btlanashire.co.uk

On behalf of **St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School** I would like to thank parishioners who have supported our recent events with Letslocalise including Bingo and a raffle. These events raised over £400 for school. In times when we cannot hold our usual fairs and other face to face fundraising events, these online events are proving extremely valuable.

Please save the date: On Thursday 20th May at 6.30pm we are holding another family quiz - back by popular demand! £2 per ticket. We hope you will join us. There are some great prizes for the top 5 winners! Register on Letslocalise. One family ticket is recommended as multiple tickets must be played on different devices.

Going forward - if St. Joseph's Parish would like to join for an event eg. a raffle, we would be very happy to do this. Please speak with Mrs Wood, Headteacher if this is something the Parish would like to support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Following the initial meeting, classes will continue at 4.00 p.m. every Saturday on Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

15th May	12th June
22nd May	19th June
29th May	26th June

There is a seventh meeting and parents will be notified when this will take place as soon as possible. This meeting - the last meeting - will also involve going over what will happen when your child makes their First Holy Communion and as you will appreciate no date or arrangements have yet been made for that.

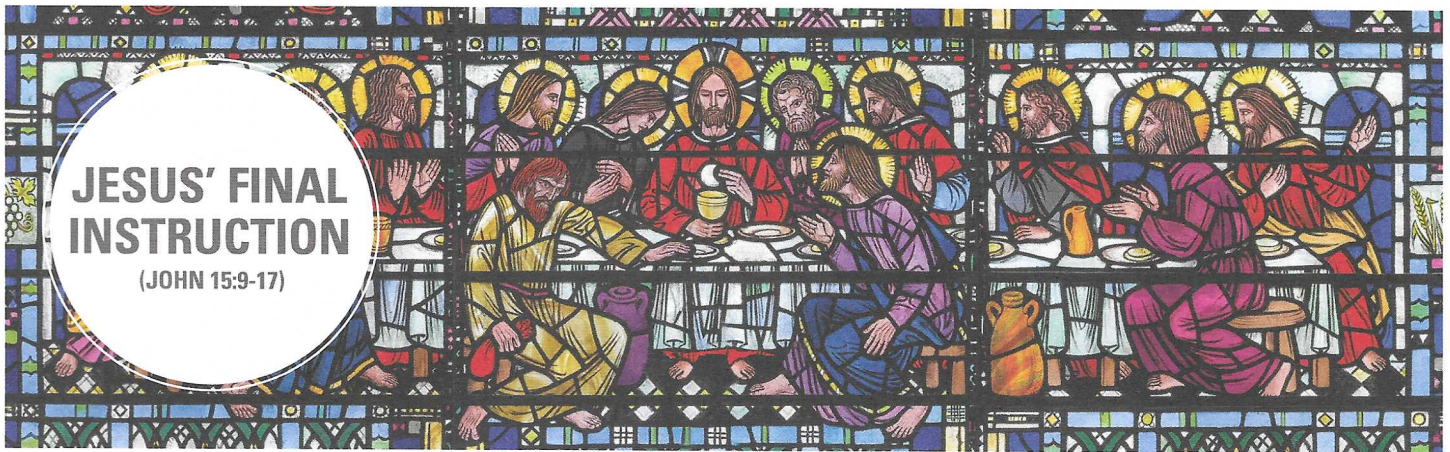
Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Pat Maloney - Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Jo Walton – Carmel Heys – Gladys Maloney.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please remember to sanitise the toilet after use. Thank you.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153



Stained glass depiction of the Last Supper by Joseph Edward Nuttgens (1952) in St Etheldreda's Church, London

Today's reading comes from the meditation Jesus makes with his disciples during the Last Supper. In some ways, we could understand it as part of his last will and testament. It is the culmination of the disciples' training.

The Fourth Gospel presents Jesus in the light of the female figure of Wisdom in Jewish writings, the one who gathers disciples, teaches them with a view to their becoming "friends of God". Jesus tells those around him that the term "servants" is no longer applicable to them, as they have progressed to the final level: their training is now complete. Normally, disciples would choose the rabbi whose teachings they found most meaningful and by which they could order their life. Jesus is unusual, in that, as he says, "You did not choose me, no, I chose you."

There is also, in this passage, a hint of the making of a covenant between Jesus and his disciples. There is no account in John of the instituting of the Eucharist with its mention of the cup containing "the blood of the covenant" and the giving of the command to "do this in memory of me", as we find in the versions of Mark, Matthew and Luke. Here, we find Jesus saying, "This is my commandment: love one another" and in this way "remain" (or abide) in his love, which is the reflection of the Father's love for Jesus. ■

REFLECT

A person's last words are often highly valued by his or her family and friends and treated as being of great significance. People's dying wish can be regarded as sacred and those close to them will go to great lengths to see that it is carried out, even though it may not make much sense to those left behind.

There are a couple of rather demanding ideas which occur in our Gospel reading today. One is that *Jesus* has chosen *us*, rather than the other way round. Most of us were baptised as infants and brought up in a Christian environment: sometimes people of this sort may envy those who came to the faith or the Church later in life, after making an adult decision for themselves. There are many reasons why people give up the practice

of the faith, but one reason may well be that some never really believed in the first place. Each Easter, we are all invited to renew for ourselves the baptismal declaration of faith and the promises made on our behalf by our parents or godparents. We may regard this as simply a formal exercise, part of the Easter liturgy, or we can make it a really personal act of commitment to God in the person of Jesus, whom we are freely choosing to follow as disciples.

Another challenging lesson from our extract from John's account is that Jesus sums up his commandments in the deceptively simple phrase to "love one another". This means that we have to be much more aware of ourselves and how we treat other people – a rather challenging prospect. ■

SAY

Thus may we Godward move, finding God in others.

(Percy Dearmer – adapted)

DO

Read through the Renewal of Baptismal Promises from the Easter Vigil liturgy: renew them in the light of today's reading, making the Sign of the Cross with holy water.

LEARN

John uses the female figure of Wisdom, who functions as God's agent, from the Jewish scriptures, to express his understanding of Jesus and his mission.

The female figure of Wisdom (*Hokmah* or *Sophia*) becomes the masculine Word (*Logos*) in the Prologue to the Fourth Gospel.

The training of the disciples of Wisdom or Jesus is complete when they can be described as "friends of God".



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!"

Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 97

Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the
nations.
or
Alleluia!

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep
my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him."

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of
your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the
Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.