



From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "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 may 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 anymore, 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."

Adapted from John 15:9-17 The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B.



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people the family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love."

Today's word is **Love**. God is love and all love

comes from God. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family life then love grows and life becomes more joyful. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions. Love is life's greatest blessing and Jesus' message is for us too. By loving as Jesus loves, we too become his friends and we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following his command – to love. When we follow Jesus' command to 'love one another', we can be sure that God is with us. Each of us decide on something we can do in the coming days to share our love - to love as Jesus loves. ***Dear Jesus, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us always to love you and to keep growing in love for one another. Amen.***



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6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAYS 9.30AM AND SATURDAY 6.00PM

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Margaret Holmes
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
Monday:		The Sheridan Family
Tuesday:	9.30am	Sr Agatha Collopy (Diamond Jubilee)
Wednesday:		November Dead List
Thursday:	9.30am	People of India
Friday		Special Intention
Saturday:	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday:	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)

Confessions by appointment

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Church Opening Times



It is now no longer necessary to book a place for the 6.00pm **Saturday Vigil Mass**. We have never been oversubscribed for this Mass, and many other parishes have ceased to require booking. The church will continue to be open for a congregation to be present on **Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evening at 6.00pm**. Mass will continue to be live streamed on a Sunday morning at 9.00am without a congregation.

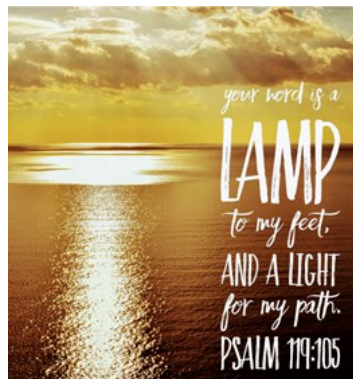
Stewards/Cleaners April 2021

Saturday May 8th 6.00pm: Ian Charnock & Mary Farmer

Tuesday May 11th 9.30pm: Michelle Mowinski & Liz Moores

Thursday May 13th 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward

Saturday 15th 6.00pm: Susan and Jan Gedzielewski



Your Word is a Lamp for my Feet and a Light to my Path—A Day Retreat

Tuesday July 6th at Theodore House, Stoneyhurst
Experiencing a morning of prayer, reflection and meditation on Scripture and an afternoon with prayer stations. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and spend time in the chapel. Led by Mary Farmer.
Cost £38.00 to include lunch and refreshments.
(£20.00 deposit) May be less if more than 12 people attend.

For further details and/or to book contact Mary on 01457 810189 or 07518297954
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Optional Extra—travel down on Monday 5th to visit Whalley Abbey, lunch there.

Evening Meal at the retreat centre plus bed and breakfast extra £57.00

All of this will be COVID safe,



“The Church is the Church only when it exists for others— not dominating but helping and serving. It must tell people of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Ascension Thursday



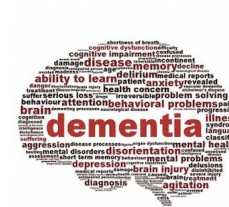
Next Thursday, May 13th, is Ascension Thursday when we celebrate Jesus' return to the Father. As there is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation there will just be the one mass at 9.30am.

Pope Francis invites us to pray to the Holy Spirit on a daily basis but especially during the Octave. From Ascension Thursday to Pentecost.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle 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.

Let us pray: O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of this same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Dementia is a complex condition and every person's experience is different. However, many people living with dementia can face similar challenges with communication. Often the small changes we make in our approach can make a big difference in avoiding communication difficulties or frustration. It can help build and maintain good relationships. Understanding the challenges a person living with dementia

may face with communication can be very helpful. Challenges may include:

Difficulty pronouncing or finding the right words,
Problems following a conversation, especially in a noisy environment
Difficulty understanding humour or sarcasm
Difficulty recognising other people's emotions or behaviours
Repetition due to reduced concentration or memory problems
Tiredness which may cause a fluctuation in concentration and communication
Stress caused by trying to make sense of the environment, situations and other people .

“Pour your grace, O loving God, upon all suffering with dementia. It is frustrating not to find a word; it is fearful to lose one's memories. Bless them with patience, a loving and supporting family, and days of hope and accomplishment. Amen.”