

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will see me. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am.

(Adapted from John 14:1-2—The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A)



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

6th Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Sr Ella McGrath
Tuesday: Ian Richardson
Wednesday: Pat Sparkes
Thursday: Margaret Sheila Jones
Friday: Nicola Poulter
Saturday: Special Intention (Continued Recovery EH)
Sunday: People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people the Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in

Jesus, to be respected and loved." Today's word is **Helper**. The Holy Spirit is our helper—alive and active today—nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self control, faithfulness and kindness, all qualities which help us to be the people God wants us to be. These are sometimes called the 'fruits' of the Holy Spirit. In today's gospel we hear the word 'Advocate' who is someone who supports us helping us to see the TRUTH and to live it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you especially when life is difficult.



'When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but we often look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.' Hellen Keller

When all this is over



When this is over , may we never again take for granted:
A handshake with a stranger; full shelves at the store; conversations with neighbours; a crowded theatre...Friday night out; the taste of Communion; a routine check up; the school rush each morning; coffee with a friend; the stadium roaring; each deep breath, a boring Tuesday; Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that way—better for each other because of the worst.

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Consequences of the Pandemic

It is now clear after last Sunday's announcement by the Prime Minister that despite the lifting of some restrictions not a great deal has changed, so it is

important to note the following cancellations of major Parish events:

Sunday May 31st The Summer Fair —it is also unlikely that there will be an opportunity to stage the Summer Fair any time this year given the continued need to keep a safe distance from others.

Sunday June 14th The Celebration of First Holy Communion — An email has been sent to all the families of children preparing for their First Holy Communion stating the above and assuring them that we will do all we can to make sure that the children make their First Holy Communion when possible to do so. Some creative thinking may be necessary!

Friday 5th June The Whit Friday walks and Band Contest - there **will be a Service broadcast at 11.00am on Friday June 5th**. Please watch this space for further details.

Since we do not know when the Charity Shop will next open please do **NOT** bring any items to the Parish Centre for the time being. The storage space is **FULL** to **CAPACITY** at present. Thank You.

A Note from Nicaragua



Regime's virus strategy: from denial to concealment.

“Express burials”, which are held even before family members have a chance to attend, underline how the regime in Nicaragua is trying to conceal the extent of its Covid-19

problem. The case of Roger Ordonez is typical. He was hospitalised with breathing problems last week. When his son, Enrique came to visit the next morning, the 69 year old was already being buried by workers in protective full body suits in a cemetery on the outskirts of Chinandega, a city of 133,000 people in North West Nicaragua.

The hospital warned the Ordonez family to self quarantine for two weeks but said their patriarch did not have the coronavirus. President Daniel Ortega's regime has stood out for its refusal to impose measures to halt the coronavirus. Now, doctors and family members of apparent victims say, the government has gone from denying the disease's presence in the country to actively trying to conceal its spread.

The government says this country of 6.5 million people has seen just 16 coronavirus cases and five deaths. Businesses and government offices remain open and the government has promoted sporting events and other mass gatherings.

The Nicaraguan epidemiologist Alvaro Ramirez, currently living in Ireland, calculates that in two weeks Nicaragua could have around 18,000 infections.

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Local Foodbank



There is a great shortage of items for the Foodbank which some of our parishioners help to staff. Last Thursday no washing powder, deodorant or pasta sauce and the tinned fish was very low in stock. Increasing numbers of people are coming to foodbanks for essentials. Items could be collected from outside

people's homes, left in the porch of the presbytery, the door is open during the day, or left outside Oldham Leisure Centre for those still able to go out.

Thanks everybody, Claire 01457 874682