

From Sunday's Gospel 7th Sunday of Easter

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. I have made your name known to those you gave me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word. I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted it. They know that I came from you and believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; for those you have given me, because they belong to you.'

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 24th May 2020. John 17:1-11



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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
7th Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Sr Vincent Murphy
Tuesday: Michael & Alice Geoghan
Wednesday: November Dead List
Thursday: Sr Esther Armstrong (Recovery)
Friday: Fr David Drake Brockman (Funeral today)
Saturday: Tony Ellis
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 Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of this friendship everywhere." Today's

word is **Friendship**. In today's gospel passage Jesus is praying to his father and telling him that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then Jesus prays for his friends, which reminds us that we belong to God, too, he is a Father who cares deeply for each and every one of us. This prayer of Jesus takes place on the night before he was going to be arrested and he is preparing his disciples for difficult times ahead. Jesus wants his friends to stay united with each other and with God. "Jesus friendship with us is a priceless gift. Let's promote friendship and respect between different people of different religious traditions.' Pope Francis



'Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.' St Teresa of Calcutta



Local Foodbank

Thanks to those who responded to this appeal last week which was great. However there is still a major shortage of items for the Foodbank which some of our parishioners help to staff. 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

Fund Raising for St Edward's Lees and Sacred Heart & St William Uppermill



On this ninth weekend without public Mass, Luke Lancaster and I have decided to do the Saddleworth Three Peaks route three times over the coming week - a peak for every missed Sunday Mass - to raise some money for our local churches, St. Edward's (Lees) and Sacred Heart (Uppermill). These churches are not solely religious organisations but also community assets, used by people of all faiths and none. If you could give anything to support our fundraising efforts, that'd be greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Max Woodvine

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/supportsaddleworthchurches>

Max and Luke successfully completed the Saddleworth Three Peaks on Monday and Wednesday of this week and have one more circuit to do.



A Note from Nicaragua

It was wonderful to receive an email from Fr Luis on Thursday after he had concelebrated Mass with over 300 people in Nicaragua, all of whom were keeping a safe distance. Fr Luis translated the English into

Spanish and used a loud hailer so that everyone could take part. Truly magnificent that we are linked in this way and long may it remain so.



Laudato Si—On care for our Common Home

This Sunday, May 24th marks the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' ground breaking Encyclical Laudato Si, recognised as a prophetic statement about our responsibilities in being s

towards of creation. To mark this anniversary Pope

Francis has asked us to say the following prayer this Sunday:

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,

You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need. Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic,

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good,

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



Fr Joe Falloon

Fr Joe has recently moved rooms in the Nursing Home to which he was admitted some weeks ago after a fall. Fr Joe is still happy for people to contact him but he is having difficulty lifting the phone on his own and so suggests that anyone trying to phone goes through RECEPTION rather than using an extension number. The Reception No: 00353 191 23940