

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Pray the Rosary to unite in prayer for the pandemic to end



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5th Sunday of Easter Sunday Cycle A Sunday 10th May 2020

In our second reading today, St Peter calls us to be living stones of the Church that Jesus promised to build.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

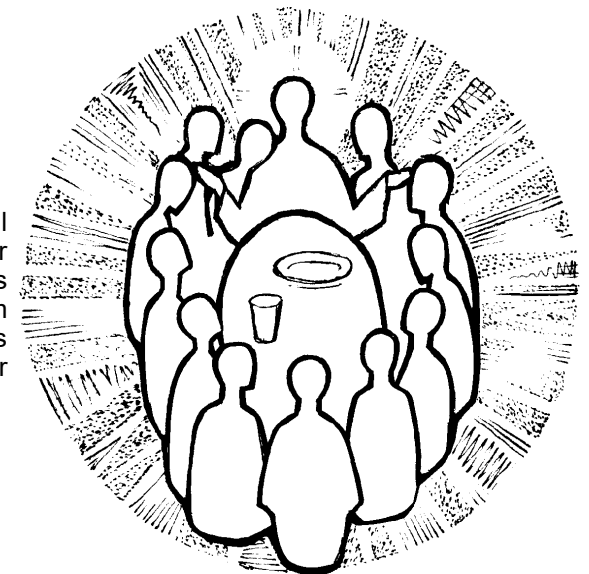
The focus is on building the Church and working together to build God's kingdom.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Peter tells God's people they are living stones, chosen by God and precious to God.

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus gives his farewell address at his Last Supper with his disciples. He tells them that he will be with them only a little while longer and is going to prepare a place for them.



Responsorial psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

Celebrations of First Holy Communion were in the diary for these weeks. When and how will they happen? It is impossible to plan constructively until we know how the gradual return to normality will work out. But I have thought it would be good to include you in the first tentative steps. It seems likely that as lockdown begins to be relaxed the first step will be to permit some church services with restricted numbers. I suggest it might be possible to offer two masses on five or six consecutive Saturdays. At each we would give communion to ten of the children already prepared. There would have to be a firm restriction on the number of accompanying family members, according to government rulings.

It will not be easy to arrange these masses for they depend on many people being free and willing to offer their time to fill the many roles. No difficulty for us friars to provide the mass. I am consulting musicians and others to find who will be available. Though I hear that in Germany as they begin to return to church there is to be no singing! The celebration would of course be simpler than in previous years, but that could be an advantage. The whole emphasis will be on what is essential. Your children have been taught that Jesus wants to come to them. All we do and contribute will focus on that.

These are just early preliminary thoughts. There is however work for you parents to do. Our catechists have helped you through several months of fortnightly sessions of teaching. Children can forget. You need to remind them that they have grown in knowledge, and love, of Jesus. They have matured to the point when they can begin to discover a lifetime of close friendship and intimacy with him through receiving communion every week. Keep this awareness alive.

The new books we used for the first time this year have already provided a great deal of help. There is a lot more good and interesting material there still to be explored so go back to the books and keep the eager expectation alive.

BUT... this is all very tentative. My wish is to nudge you parents to keep the anticipation alive and to let you know I am thinking about how to make the best of what is possible.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th May
People of the parish
Tracey Jane & Ressa

Monday 11th May
Donald Dourado RIP
Sr Maria Rosa RIP

Tuesday 12th May
Terry Murphy anniv
Sr Ita intention

Wednesday 13th May
Eamonn Gaughan RIP

Thursday 14th May
Daphne Shortman RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 15th May
Frank Fitzpatrick RIP
Deceased brethren

Saturday 16th May
Derry Hanley RIP

Sunday 17th May
People of the parish
Patrick Grisdaill RIP



Once again from Pope Francis.

Austen asked him what kind of church he expects to emerge from the covid 19 crisis

“The temptation is to dream of a de-institutionalised church, a gnostic church without institutions or one that is subject to fixed institutions, which would be a Pelagian church. The one who makes the church is the Holy Spirit.

“A church that is free is not an anarchic church, because freedom is God’s gift. An institutional church means a church institutionalised by the Holy Spirit. A tension between disorder and harmony: this is the church that must come out of the crisis.

“(Go to the Acts of the Apostles). There you will see how the Holy Spirit de-institutionalises what is no longer of any use and institutionalises the future church. That is the church that needs to come out of the crisis.

“Canon Law helps and please make use of it, it is for our good. But the final canon says that the whole of canon law is for the salvation of souls and that’s what opens the door for us to go out in times of difficulty to bring the consolation of God.

“You ask me about a “home church”. At home we need an apostolic creativity a creativity shorn of so many useless things, but with a yearning to express our faith in community, as people of God. So: be in lockdown, but yearning with that memory that yearns and begets hope.”

Trinity Vacancies

- Teacher of Computer Science
- Teacher of Computer Science
- Teacher of Religious Education
- Lead Teacher for PRE & RSE

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Join us for Mass online live this Sunday at 10am

Many will have seen that the transmission of last Sundays mass was much better than on the previous occasions. I am very grateful to our technicians who have been most ingenious in overcoming the problems, principally with the sound. They have spent much time on it and are still working to improve the quality of our sound amplification both by stream and in church. Though we find it a little strange to be talking to an empty church increasingly I am aware that you are watching from the safety of your homes. Still we look forward to the day when we can all come properly to be one family praying physically together.

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If you need **help** during this lockdown period please contact the Redbridge Mutual Aid for Food/household supplies.

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