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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### ***JESUS - WAY OF THE SPIRIT!***

Jesus is not a belief - nor a morality: Jesus is the divinely human, and humanly divine person with whom we walk through life, through the world. In Jesus we find ourselves; in Jesus we find the Truth that liberates and the Love that heals; in Jesus we find the reason for waking, for walking, for beginning afresh after every fall or failure.

With the Spirit of Jesus at the very core of our being, we are in Him who is the Way, and He is in us who become part of His Way. To walk with Him, in Him and for Him is to walk with each other, to walk with the poor and broken, to walk pathways of peace through every conflict. To walk in Him and He in us then it is the walk of love shared as companions (which means 'sharers of bread'). To walk in Him, I do not need to know the direction and goal - only know that He is Truth to die for, Life to live for, Love eternal!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS - STREAMED LIVE ON FACE BOOK at 10am  
Stations of the Resurrection streamed on Facebook at 3.00pm

**MONDAY:** Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm (No Reflection at 10.30am sorry!)

**TUESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

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**THURSDAY:** *Feast of St Matthias, Apostle*  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
**Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm**

**FRIDAY:** **Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
**Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm**

**SATURDAY:** **Streamed Mass on Face Book at 12noon**  
**Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** by appointment only

**TODAY** [1] With the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we celebrate Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life - the authentic face of the Father and His love - for Jesus and the Father are one. And this Way of Christ is the Way of the Servant, caring for the vulnerable, empowering and raising them up and challenging all who oppress them. This is the meaning of the appointment of the Seven Deacons. So in the words of Peter, let us 'set ourselves close to Jesus', the living stone rejected by men but the key to humanity's and creation's salvation.

[2] **The Stations of the Resurrection will be live-streamed at 3.00pm**

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter** we celebrate the Risen Jesus who by the gift of His Spirit comes to dwell within us and among us in a revolutionary new Way. The Holy Spirit of Divine Love becomes our Life and witnesses to Jesus risen and alive within us. Indeed after His Ascension, He does not so much leave us (as 'orphans') but becomes more profoundly present within and among us with the power of His life and love!

[2] **This is the beginning of 'Laudato Si' Week**, as the Church is asked to reflect upon a crisis greater than Covid 19 - the crisis of Climate Change and Global Warming and the global injustice that accompanies it! **If you have not read Pope Francis Encyclical, 'Laudato Si', I urge you to do so if at all possible.**

[3] We will pray the **Stations of Creation**, inspired by St Francis's Canticle of the Creatures and Pope Francis Encyclical Letter to 'All Christians and People of Goodwill' '**Laudato Si**' - join us on the Parish face Book at 3.00pm.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Abbey Church of Downside and the Parish of St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse served by Fr Michael Clothier OSB and the monastic community, and the parish community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon **Parish Administration Team, staffing both the Parish Office and the Parish Food Bank**. This ministry has developed rapidly into a real interface with the local community, serving in so many different ways beyond the financial and secretarial administration of the parish. It is continuing during the Covid 19 lockdown and is supplying food to about 100 people five days a week. Suitable volunteers are needed, both during this emergency and afterwards as we seek to extend the ministry of service to the local community.

**WORD OF GOD FOR FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7 / Psalm 32 / 1 Peter 2: 4-9/ John 14: 1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14: 5-18 / Psalm 113 / John 14: 21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14: 19-28 / Psalm 144 / John 14: 27-31
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-6 / Psalm 121 / John 15: 1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17, 20-26 / Psalm 112 / John 15: 9-17
<b>Friday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-31 / Psalm 56 / John 15: 12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 16: 1-10 / Psalm 99 / John 15: 18-21

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**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £210 + Loose £ + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £300.58 - PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FAVOUR OF THE PARISH - WE ARE NOT ABLE YET TO NOTIFY YOU OF THE SUM GIVEN AS OFFERTORY BUT WILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Please find ways of continuing to support our parish with your offerings (perhaps by making a Standing Order, GiftAided if possible - details from Robert at the Parish Office) - we are supporting so many people as those unemployment are increasing in at this time. THANK TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD BANK WITH DONATIONS OF FOOD OR MONEY.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

11th May	Safeguarding Meeting via Microsoft Team
20th May	Funeral Service for Jim Sorhaindo RIP
21st May	<b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
31st May	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST - BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH</b>
7th June	<b>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
14th June	<b>FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ</b>
19th June	<b>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>

**SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR WORSHIP AND LITURGY** The Conference of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have taken certain measures to support the efforts to limit and delay the spread of the COVID-19 for the sake of Public Health.

[1] Mass and other services are to be celebrated privately, without a congregation. ***We are arranging for Sunday and weekday Mass to be live streamed on the Parish Face Book***

[2] The Sacrament of Reconciliation to be celebrated by appointment

[3] All are encouraged to take part in Mass through the internet (**daily Mass broadcast from St Nicks daily**) and make a 'spiritual communion'

[4] Hold the Sunday Holy by prayer and reflecting upon the Scriptures of the Day (**made available on our Parish Website**) - the Rosary or the 'Prayer of the Church' recommended

[5] Baptisms to be deferred (except for extreme pastoral need) until Public Worship resumes, and celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation likewise postponed.

[6] Weddings also to be postponed until gatherings are resumed.

[7] Funerals to take place only at Crematorium or graveside with immediate family, with Memorial Mass postponed until public gatherings resume.

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES** [1] **The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday** (no longer on Saturdays) so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-909-8810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

[2] **The Parish Office and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will co-ordinate care and support** for those who are in isolation or are vulnerable in any way. Volunteers to help from those able to do so are very welcome. We must care for one another as well as pray for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support (telephone no above)

[3] Apologies, but a word about **Parish Finance!** We are experiencing a marked increase of calls on our Caritas Fund and Foodbank as the health crisis increases and many more people find themselves with little or no income. We are committed to meet this need as far as we possibly can – as Pope Francis says 'we are the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor'. But we need your continued help and generosity! We are dependent upon our weekly collections but if no Public Mass there is problem! We ask you to continue your weekly offering:

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either by making a standing order to the parish account or filling in the Diocesan Standing Order and Gift Aid Form (email for details); or by giving you money offering and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours.

**'LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16-24th May** The global Catholic family will pray together for a more just and sustainable world on Sunday, 24 May, the final day in Laudato Si' Week. During this moment of crisis, our faith guides us. Throughout the week of 16 to 24 May, Catholics everywhere will unite in solidarity to reflect on and build a better future. At noon local time on 24 May, the last day in Laudato Si' Week, we unite in prayer to lift up the gift of our faith to the world. Together, we'll create a worldwide wave of prayer, as people in each time zone around the globe pray together. Imagine the power of a unified prayer for a more just and sustainable world. Join us and register for 'Laudato Si' Week and receive a link to the prayer card we'll use on 24 May. As people everywhere urgently search for hope, we're coming together as Catholic sisters and brothers to fortify our spirits and our resolve. Everything is connected, and a more just and sustainable world needs each and every one of us. Our faith is more than a source of strength in challenging times. It's a guide to the future we're building together.

**A PRAYER FOR ALL CREATION: (Pope John Paul II)**

**In the Risen Christ all creation rises to new life.**

**From the moment when your tomb, O Christ, was found,**

**there began the time in which the whole of creation sings your name**

**“which is above every other name” and awaits your final return in glory.**

**During this time, between Easter and the coming of your everlasting Kingdom,**

**a time like the travail of giving birth (cf. Rom 8:22),**

**sustain us in our dedication to building a more human world,**

**a world soothed by the balm of your Love.**

**Paschal Victim offered for the salvation of the world,**

**grant that this commitment of ours will not falter, even when weariness slows our steps.**

**You, victorious King, grant to us and to the world eternal salvation!**

***ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION***

**Jesus, my Brother and Lord,**

**I recognise you present with me**

**in the Breaking of the Bread and the sharing of the Cup,**

**in this most holy Sacrament of Your Body and Blood.**

**I love you Who come to me in the poverty of this bread and wine**

**and desire with all my heart to receive you into the core of my being.**

**It hurts that I cannot at this time eat Your Body and drink Your Blood, but I truly believe you do come to me in all fulness.**

**For Your love unites me spiritually with my Eucharistic Community, with Your whole Body, the Church.**

**I believe nothing can separate me from Your love.**

**I thank you with all my being that I am now one with you**

**and my sisters and brothers in Your Church**

**through this Holy Eucharist.**

**Praise to You, my Food and my Love, my Brother and my Lord! AMEN!**

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