

Sunday Message

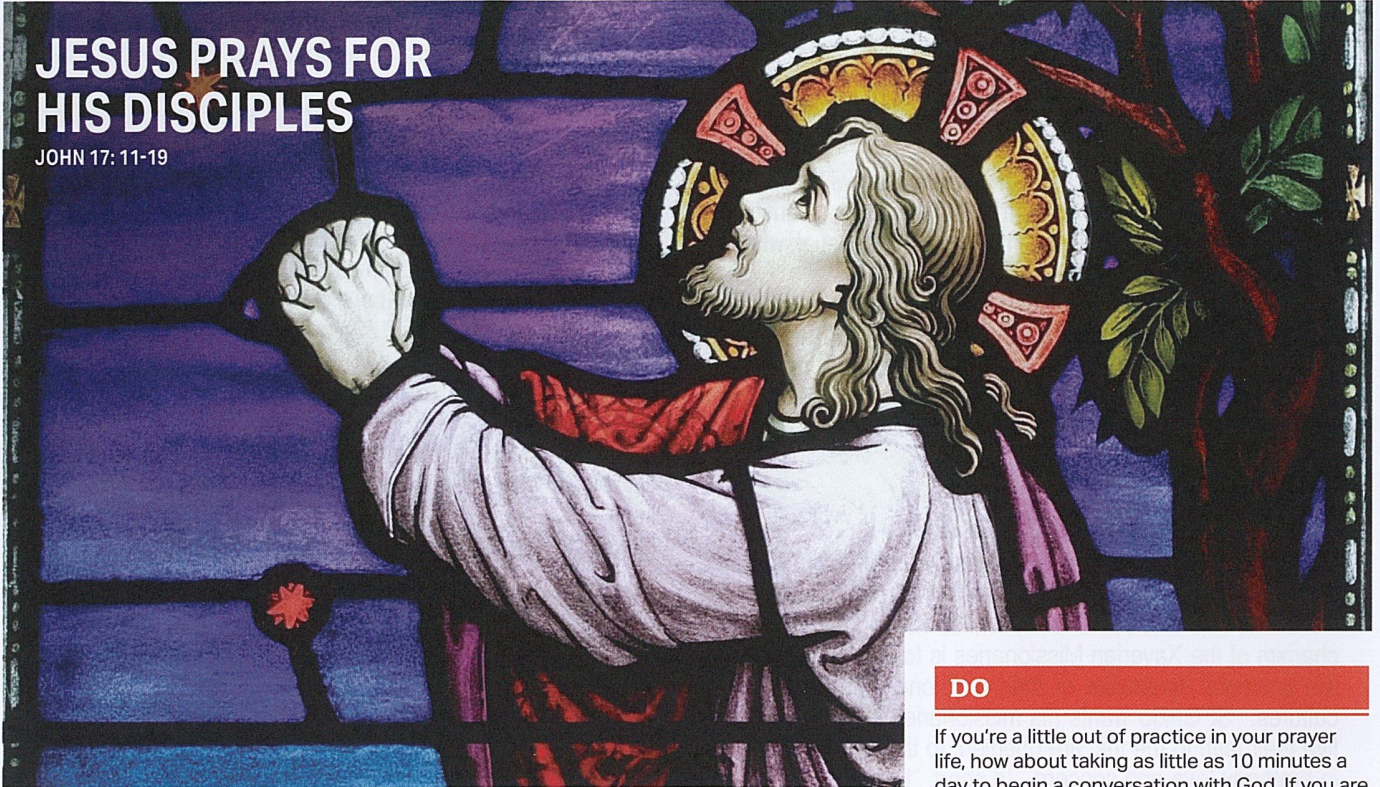
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

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JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

JOHN 17: 11-19



Today's Gospel is taken from what is commonly known as Jesus' farewell discourse. He presents a prayer, which is a priestly prayer prayed over his disciples.

You could possibly call it a prayer of commissioning, as he prepares them for a life of ministry, that will test them to their limits. There are similarities between this prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Jesus addresses God as Father in both and both prayers put a strong emphasis on the priority of God's will. Jesus has been with his disciples for a considerable time. But he will never depart from them. He will remain with them forever. It's a consoling message for them, but also for the Church. He will defend us when the going in the world gets tough. ■

REFLECT

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day and most of us can proclaim to be experts in this field with the advent of smart phones and other devices that bring us into contact with a range of possibilities through the Internet. There are huge positives attached to being able to use the Internet, not least for people who live away from home and can keep in contact with family through WhatsApp, Facebook and other platforms. Pope Francis himself stated back in 2014 that the internet should be "an environment rich in humanity, a network not of wires but of people."

We not only celebrate today but we also reflect on the current state and nature of relationships on the Internet. Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication states that social media can nourish "true, beautiful, solid relationships but it can also fuel hatred." He goes on to state that Pope Francis wants people to view social media not as something that traps you, but something that frees you and that you make an instrument of freedom. On this World Communications Day, the Church underlines the value of interaction understood as dialogue and as an opportunity to meet with others.

Today also confirms Pope Francis' attention to the new communications environment where he is present with his @Pontifex account on X and @Franciscus account on Instagram. ■

DO

If you're a little out of practice in your prayer life, how about taking as little as 10 minutes a day to begin a conversation with God. If you are short on words, read from today's Gospel.

SAY

'Whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.'
(Mark's Gospel)



LEARN

'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.'
(St. Therese of Lisieux)



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Parish Bulletin

Please Note

Just to let you know I will be away Monday 6th to Monday 13th May for my Post Easter break.

In case of need, please contact Fr Jonathan How – 01483 416880 or email- pp.godalming@abdiocese.org.uk, while I am away.

19th of May (Sunday), four of our children will be making their First Holy Communion during 11am Mass. I anticipate the Mass attendance will be more than the usual with the family and friends of the FHC children.

Please keep in your prayers our four children Sam and Luna (brother & sister) Orla and Dominick as they prepare for the special event in their lives. It is also going to be a moment of special celebration and moment of grace for our parish community.

God Bless, Fr Rajesh

The Xaverian Missionaries

We welcome Fr Patrick Duffy this weekend at all our masses. He will be making an appeal on behalf of The Xaverian Missionaries, who first came to the United Kingdom in 1948. The charism of the Xaverian Missionaries is to share and promote the universal dynamism of their missionary baptism with all cultures. St Guido wants his missionaries to be people who live their faith to the full, are obedient to the Gospel and excel in brotherly love and concern. In short, “to make of the world a single family”.

Prayer Intention for May

Pope Francis' prayer intention for May is that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

New Lectionaries

We will be purchasing new lectionaries for our churches this year. These are the sort of important items for divine worship that we only buy every 30 or 40 years. If anyone is interested in sponsorship and/or dedication of lectionaries for a loved one please speak to Diane Breen (Parish Secretary) or email haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk (A lectionary is the large book from which the scriptures are read in the liturgy.) The new lectionaries can be seen at <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/>

Week of Guided Prayer, Godalming, 16 - 21 June 2024

A Week of Guided Prayer is a way of making a directed retreat in the midst of our busy lives and is often called a 'Retreat in Daily Life'. It will allow you to step away from the noise and haste of everyday life and into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre.

Participants commit to spending 30 minutes each day in prayer, as well as coming to Ladywell each day to talk about their prayer experience with a trained Spiritual Director and to en-

joy the wonderful grounds and prayer spaces. Your Spiritual Director will listen attentively and offer suggestions for allowing you to go deeper into your relationship with God. The 30-minute one-to-one sessions run from Monday to Friday, at a time convenient to you and your Director.

The week begins on Sunday 16 June at 2.30pm at the Franciscan Centre Ladywell, with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week; to give some explanation of praying with scripture; to spend some time in prayer together; to introduce participants to their Spiritual Director for the week; and to share some social time and light refreshments together.

On Wednesday 19 June there will be a group session at Ladywell on “Discernment” at 7.30pm.

The week ends on Friday 21 June at 7.30pm, coming together again to share our experiences and to bring the week to a prayerful close.

If you would like to take part please register via the following link by 26 May. Places are limited and there will be a reserve list.

<https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/wwcf6kzd>

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Last Shout Out for Walsingham Pilgrims!

Join us for our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine and Basilica to Our Lady on Saturday 18th May 2024.

Departure time is now 7am prompt, please remember your packed lunch. Also please update Rachel on your payment after mass today. If help is needed using card payment machine, please see Rachel after mass.

Walsingham is 4 hours away, in Norfolk, so as part of our pilgrimage this means an early start! We will depart at 7am, by coach, and will have 2 comfort stops enroute. Our coach also has facilities on board. We should all bring a packed lunch, which we can leave on the coach until lunchtime. For anyone not wanting to walk in procession to Walsingham, they can be driven into Walsingham on the coach to meet us at the Holy House.

The cost for the day is £45.00 per adult, and £25.00 per child (under 18).

Big Church Festival

Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024

A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard.

Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

100 Club

Thank you to all members of the 100 Club for their continued membership. The 100 Club is one of the main ways in which the whole Parish can continue to raise money on a regular basis for charitable donations. The cost of one ticket is £5 per month but you can have more than one ticket plus there is a chance of winning a cash prize.,£150, £100 & £50.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club forms are available at the back of the Church, given to Fr Rajesh or contact The Parish Office.

The Haslemere Food Bank

The Food Bank is having to support increasing numbers of people in need at a time when many are experiencing financial hardship. Please place items in the collection box in the porch. Thank you all for your continuing generosity in support of those in need.

May Jubilarians

Judith Davys, Jibi Puthenkudilil Jose , Richard Ives, Deborah Stanton, Harriet Schiavone, Nick Budden, James Coeur-de-Lion, Stephen Nathan, Dipak Barua, Charlotte Hammond, Christine Follett, Anna Angel Kocheri Jose, Nicole Kerrigan, Aileen Assender, Alexander Hawley, Karen Nugent, Gwynneth Farrell, James Rapp, Maria Ryan, Dot Jackson, Joe Sul-

ly, Thomas Joseph,, Athena Nirish, John Ravenscroft, Cristina Rojo, Robert Crabtree, Dermott Harrison, Christy Puthenveetil, Lincy Thomas, David Lindsay, Jane Lynskey, Mary Ravenscroft, Ancy Sherine,, Margaret Engel and Anthony Myers.

Repository

The shop at Our Lady of Lourdes will now usually be open every Sunday following the 11am Mass. Come and browse. (closed 12th & 19th May)

Sudan Crisis Appeal

Catholic charity CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan. There is a brief window to act before the growing season in Sudan starts in June, with fears of an impending – yet preventable – famine growing.

Donations to CAFOD's Sudan Appeal can be made [here](#).

Access

A polite reminder to anyone using the top car park outside Our Lady of Lourdes to please ensure that suitable access is maintained at all times for emergency vehicles, and that churchgoers are always able to evacuate the buildings in case of emergency.

Parish Database

If you have still not completed the Parish Census, forms can be found at the back of all our churches or on the Parish Website. Even if you are already on the Parish Database we would be grateful if you would fill in the new form. Please note that the information asked for on the Census Form will be very limited and for Parish use only.

Mass Schedule & Intentions		
Sunday 12 May — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners
9.00am	ST	
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	
Monday 13 May — Monday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
11.30am	HX	
Tuesday 14 May — St Matthias		
<u>9.30am</u>	SA	
9.30am	HX	
Wednesday 15 May — Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	HX	
10am	ST	
Thursday 16 May – Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	HX	
Friday 17 May – Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
10am	OLL	Special Intention
Saturday 18 May – Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
Sunday 19 May — PENTECOST		
6pm (Sat)	SA	All Parishioners
9.00am	ST	
9.30am	HX	
11.00am	OLL	
Confession on Saturdays by appointment tel.: 01428 643877		

Appeal and Second Collection

This Week

St Francis Xavier

Foreign Mission Society

Live Simply Tips

Gardeners - Mulch your garden - reduce the need for watering in summer. Get a water butt, save water. Tolerate ivy - good for butterflies. Short on space - grow runner beans and courgettes amongst your shrubs. Plant shrubs with berries (good for the birds) and make sure hedgehogs can move freely under fences

Please Pray For

The sick: Henrietta Lenahan (Holt), Veronica Slocock, Arul Salathian, Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Joan Shaw, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Tish Watkinson, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

The Deceased: Ida Murray, Sr Mary Pauline McKeown, Frederick Lockley, Robert John Murray, Cathy Bush and Elizabeth Carson.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the
human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
One day Peter stood up to speak to the
brothers – there were about a hundred and
twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers,
the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in
which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David,
foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself
as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus
– after having been one of our number and
actually sharing this ministry of ours.
'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else
take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who
has been with us the whole time that the Lord
Jesus was travelling round with us, someone
who was with us right from the time when John
was baptising until the day when he was taken
up from us – and he can act with us as a witness
to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph
known as Barsabbas, whose surname was
Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you
can read everyone's heart; show us therefore
which of these two you have chosen to take
over the ministry and apostolate, which Judas
abandoned to go to his proper place.' They
then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to
Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve
apostles.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 102 (103):1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Response:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.
Or Alleluia!

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
But as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us
because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son
of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God's love toward ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will
be full of joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your
name, so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them, I kept those you had
given me true to your name.
I have watched over them and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am
coming to you and while still in the world I say
these things to share my joy with them to the
full. I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them, because they belong
to the world no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the
world, but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world any more than I
belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world, I have sent them
into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself so that
they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the
whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her
Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.