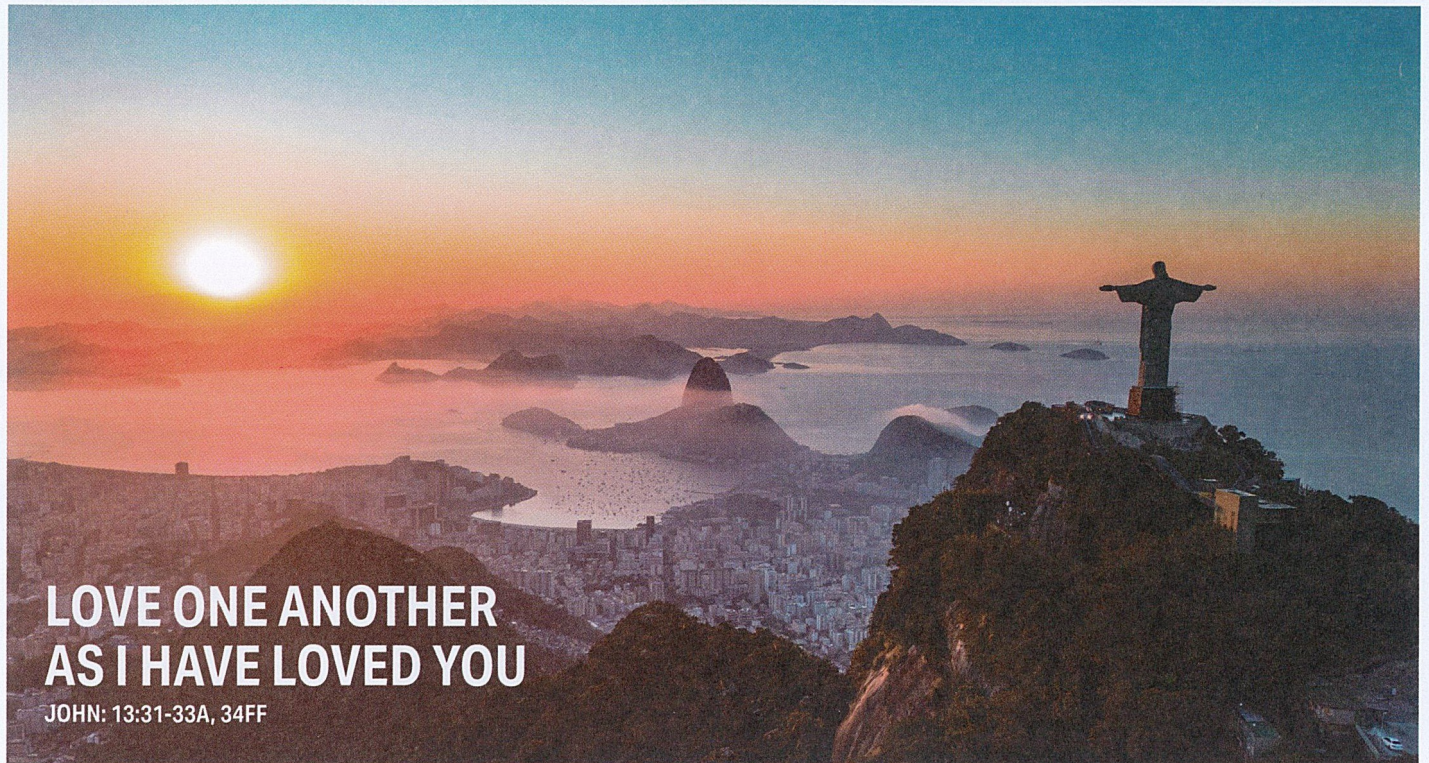


# Sunday Message

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year C • 18th May 2025 • Psalter Week 1



## LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

JOHN: 13:31-33A, 34FF

Today's Gospel begins with the call of the disciples where the master addresses his pupils. There is a certain warmth or tenderness to this scene as Jesus tells them he is leaving a new commandment, one which he wants lived out through their actions after his death.

He speaks of love and extends this love to all people, without distinction. He has already shown this message in his story of the Good Samaritan. The kind of love Jesus talks about is a love for all. Secondly, this commandment is new in the ideal it strives for. Our love should be as he has loved us. This means we must love our enemies, without limits. ■

### REFLECT

An American journalist, after watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' Mother Teresa replied: 'Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.' Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring, caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

Love asks the best from us and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

Practicing love has the power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. To decide to love is to be fully open to life. It is choice and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There's really no other way. So Jesus insists, very strongly: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' ■

### 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)

### 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)

### 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 from John.







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# Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18 May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“The Empty Chair”

On 20 May, the Church in England and Wales will observe the annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. The Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals, their families, and friends and the communities of which they are part. The theme this year is “The Empty Chair.”

Many of us are saddened when we look around our churches and note that once-familiar faces are missing. People leave church communities for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are with those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being there. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it.

All these groups and others are represented by “The Empty Chair.” At this time, especially, we pray for survivors of abuse, may they find people who will listen to their experiences with love and compassion and through this listening may they find healing and hope.

<https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk> is a free, confidential and independent support service for anyone abused by someone in the church.

**Welcome** again this weekend to Fr Denys Labartette, newly arrived at the Rosminian House in Wonerh who will celebrate our Mass at St Anselm & Our Lady of Lourdes and Fr Michael O’Grady will say Mass at St Teresa.

**The Second Collection** this Sunday is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese and is Gift Aided. The collection goes to help the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

**Prayer for Vocations** Please take home a leaflet and over the next few weeks pray especially for the mission of the Church and for the priests in A&B.

**The Feast of the Ascension** falls on Thursday 29th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am at St Joseph’s, Milford; 11.30am Holy Cross, Haslemere.

**Redemptorist Publications offers**

**June Retreat 2025** Digital Video Series Starting **15th June** “A Heart Full of Light Reflecting with Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus” Guided by Sr Janet Fearn FMDM Only £15. Sign up [here](#) by June 11th to guarantee your place.

**Remembering Francis: Champion of the Environment** Compiled by Sr Janet Fearn FMDM. This book is a memorial to two men, whose greatness lay in their humility, poverty, simplicity, outreach to the poorest and most marginalised people of their time – and joy. In the deathbed words of St Francis, “I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you what is yours.” Pope Francis echoed his namesake. [Buy here](#)

**Marriage Help-** Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more Tel 0797 338 0443 [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Youth Discipleship Group** Every other Friday from 7pm-9pm for young people in Year 11 to 13. The next session is on **23 May**. For info or sign up:

[DavidBeresford@franciscancentre.org.uk](mailto:DavidBeresford@franciscancentre.org.uk)

**The Life in the Spirit** course Experience a new fullness of life through personal encounter with Jesus Christ in this classic course on the Holy Spirit. Thursday evenings from 8th May, at St Pius, Merrow plus Pentecost **Saturday, 7th June**. For more info and to register please email: [LISS@cpg.church](mailto:LISS@cpg.church)

**A Day of Reflection for Musicians, 21 June**, St Dunstan’s, Woking. Music ministers are invited to this day of reflection led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell of the Society of St Gregory, and Catherine Christmas. Click [here](#) for details and to book.

**Wintershall Life of Christ** Tickets are available for performances on **19–21 June**, 10am-3.30pm. It’s a truly memorable experience, don’t miss it! <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/>

**Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers**, Arundel Cathedral, **17-19 June**. Experience Arundel’s beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm (Weds) and 9.30am-5.30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 5.30pm (Thurs). All are welcome.

**Grandparents’ Pilgrimage 11th June**, 10am to 3.30pm at Worth Abbey. You are warmly invited to join grandparents from around our Diocese at this annual day of reflection and friendship. It’s a wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. For further details or to sign up visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ov7i1ufk>. Do speak with Fr Jonathan if you might like to form a local Grandparents group.

**ADoRE mini-retreat online** on 31st May on Zoom. ‘Pilgrims of hope – filled with joy’ with guest speaker Jenny Baker. [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**Days of Reflection at Franciscan Centre Ladywell** Second Saturday and Fourth Tuesday <https://franciscancentre.org.uk/upcoming-events/>

**Assisted Suicide** Bishop Richard's pastoral letter about the bill expresses his concern about the quality of scrutiny for something so serious. More info at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-assisted-suicide-pastoral-letter/>. The Third Reading of the Bill has been put back to early May, which gives us more opportunities to find time to write directly to our MP in your own words, but if not then at least consider putting your mark against the Right to Life campaign <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>

**Worth Abbey 50th Anniversary** of the Consecration of the Abbey Church - **Saturday 12 July**, starting with mass at 11am You are invited to join this Anniversary of the Consecration which marks five decades of faith, hope, and unity at Worth Abbey. For more details please visit [W: worthabbey.net/latest-news](http://W:worthabbey.net/latest-news).

**Confessions.** A few people have been asking about opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are heard every Saturday morning at St Joseph's in Guildford from around 10.45am. Fr Jonathan is often available after weekday Mass, but best to ask in advance if you can. He will try to include a range of other times in the newsletter. Otherwise Fr Jonathan is always happy to put a date in his diary for you.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** (24 July to 1 August), is led by Bishop Richard, and if you're thinking of going there's more info and forms at: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>.

**Holy Year Pilgrimage** to Rome Fr Jonathan will lead a pilgrimage to Rome from 17th to 21st November, organised by JC Journeys. To book see <https://www.jcjourneys.com/irj> or ask the parish office for a paper form. Cost £975

**Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage** Jubilee of Hope, 9-24 August. The EWP celebrates its 50th year in 2025, and will visit each of the Diocese's 11 future parishes over two weeks. Day pilgrims and long-distance pilgrims welcome. Bookings will open in February. Click [here](#) for details. The Pilgrims will be visiting and staying the night at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Friday 15th August** and celebrating with us the Feast of The Assumption.

**Parish Repository** Come & browse after 11am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in the Parish Hall. Books, Cards & lots of gifts.

#### Parish Census

If you are new to our Parish have not completed the Parish Census form these can be found at the back of all our churches.

Please note that the information asked for on the Census Form will be very limited and for Parish use only.

#### Building a Caring Community

**THIS Tuesday 20th May**, we have an exciting opportunity to reach out and welcome fellow townsfolk to join us in responding to the appeal Pope Francis made in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, for "each and every person on the planet" to work together to care for our common home and one another, saying,

*"Only in this way will we be able to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world".*

Our event will comprise an interactive talk by John Paul de Quay and a networking opportunity for parishioners and the many small groups across the town seeking to create the best possible Haslemere for people and nature.

**THIS Tuesday, 20th May**, Parish Hall. The hall opens at 7pm for networking & refreshments. Talk starts at 7.30pm

#### Donation by QR Code

You can give to our parish (including any current appeals) by using the Digital Plate, our Parish Website also by using the QR Code which is displayed at all our churches.



#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Saturday 17 May</b>	<b>6pm Mass (St Anselm)</b>
<b>Sunday 18 May</b> FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>9.00am Mass (St Teresa)</b> <b>9.30am Mass (Holy Cross)</b> <b>11am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)</b> - Edel Moran Ints.
<b>Monday 19 May</b> <i>St Dunstan</i>	<i>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's Guildford)</i>
<b>Tuesday 20 May</b> <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>	<i>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's Guildford)</i>
<b>Wednesday 21 May</b> <i>St Christopher Magellanes and Companions, Martyrs of Mexico</i>	<b>11.30am Mass (Holy Cross)</b>
<b>Thursday 22 May</b> <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	<b>9.30am Mass (Holy Cross)</b>
<b>Friday 23 May</b>	<i>10.00am Mass (St Joseph's Guildford)</i>
<b>Saturday 24 May</b>	<b>6pm Mass (St Anselm)</b> <b>2pm Wedding</b> —Katherine Farley & Tom Ashdown
<b>Sunday 25 May</b> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<b>9.00am Mass (St Teresa)</b> <b>9.30am Mass (Holy Cross)</b> <b>11am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)</b> -

#### Live Simply Tips

**Meat and dairy production = 14.5% of climate changing gases (more than all forms of transport). Eat less meat and keep steak for a special occasion!**

#### Second Collection—This Week

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

#### Please Pray For

**The sick:** Michael Gaul, David Craddock, Charlotte Lindsay, Malinda Gabuya, Derek Blades, Martin Parker, Henrietta Lenahan (Holt), Arul Salathian, Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livvy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

**The Deceased:** Cathy Bush, Elizabeth Carson, Fred & Diana Price, Garret Fitzgerald, Robert Donald, Frank Holloway, Anthony Swanston, Paul Jaremko, Marion O'Sullivan, Peggy Wilbond, Joan Allen, Marie-Marguerite Moore, Norman Wallace, Elizabeth Russell and Joan Shaw.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 14:21b-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b.

R.cf. 1

**R: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **R.**
3. To make known your might to the whole human race,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Revelation 21:1-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 13:34

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

**R: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** John 13:31-33a. 34-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**