

Sunday Message

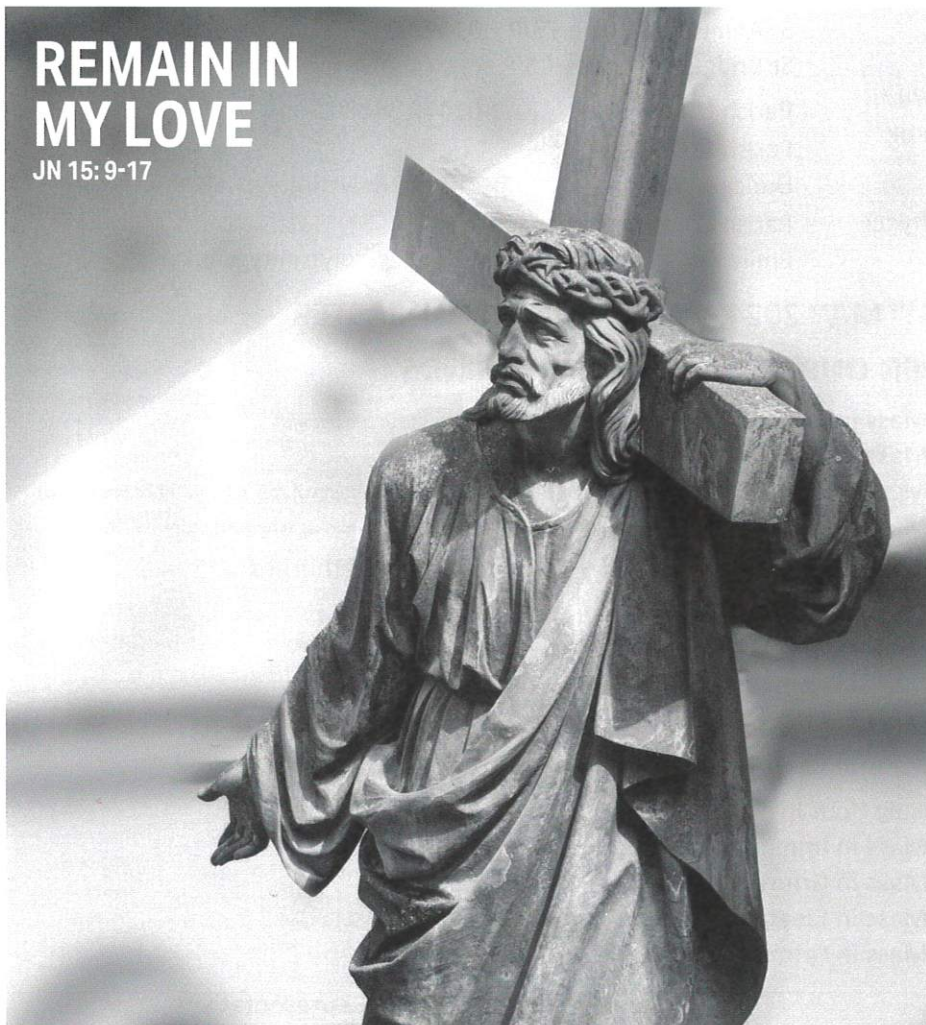
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 5 May 2024 • Psalter Week 2

REMAIN IN MY LOVE

JN 15: 9-17



We are now in the heart of the Easter Season. John's Gospel presents us with a world, where the Risen Christ continues to have an impact on the lives of his followers.

A series of speeches from Jesus, with powerful sentiments, are designed to ground the disciples and the early Church in one of the most fundamental aspects of his teaching. God's love for all of humanity. When John talks about the love of God, he is clear what he means: 'This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us.' The same message appears in the Gospel: 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you.' God has made an everlasting decision to love us. God's love is first, God has opted for us, declared his choice, taken us on. It is a decisive movement of love that began with the Father. 'As the father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.' So here lies the task before us believers. Allowing God's love to come into our lives, to feel it, to recognise it, to believe it. These are the first steps. But now comes the challenge. We are to remain in God's love. This will mean that we too must make a choice. We choose to believe that for some reason, God has seen fit to embrace humanity, with all its shortcomings. We remain in his love. Jesus shows that he could have no greater love than to lay down his life for the sake of others. That is the powerful message of Easter. ■

REFLECT

A story is told of a brilliant surgeon. It was his first time that a particular brain operation had been carried out in the country. It was performed upon a young man of great promise. It was an operation of the greatest delicacy in which a small error would have had fatal consequences. In the outcome, the operation was a triumph. But it involved several hours of intense and uninterrupted concentration on the part of the surgeon. When it was over, a nurse had to take him by the hand, and lead him from the operating theatre like a blind man or a little child.

That kind of self-giving and concentration on the needs of another reflects something of the quality of God's love in Jesus. This kind of love is sometimes beyond our comprehension. Jesus hopes that we will choose to keep on giving of ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts, even when we feel that we have nothing else to give. But it's that kind of love that mirrors God's kind of love. He loves us beyond all telling.

Some might say that this is the message we find the hardest to believe. That despite all my shortcomings and failings, there is a love that comes from God, that is unrelenting in its power. We receive this gift freely. As Jesus says, 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you.' ■

LEARN

'The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth in our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian Community.' (Catechism 638)



DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



SAY

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.' (Jn 3:16)

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES AND IMMINGHAM

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SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 'OPEN OUR HEARTS AND OUR MINDS'

Saturday 4th May	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (Hymns: 697, 605, 627, 768) (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 5th May	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Hymns: Sheet, 921,808, Sheet) (Wellbeing of Neil Allen & Vince Bransfield)
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 283, 804, 644, 779, 368, 282) (In Thanksgiving – Adiotomre Family)
Tuesday 7 th May	10.00 am	Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in Cleethorpes
Wednesday 8th May	6.30 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes (In Thanksgiving)
Thursday 9th May	9.30 am	Mass in Grimsby (Jim Ellison RP – Nanette Brown)
Ascension of the Lord	11.30 am	Mass in Immingham (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Holyday of Obligation	1.15 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes (Deceased Members of the Riley & Dales Family – Pat & Bill Riley)
Friday 10 th May	6.30 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes (Ray & Christine Pougher – Moira Waters & Family)
Saturday 11th May	10.00 am	Holy Hour in Cleethorpes
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 12th May	9.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Margaret & Leo Solomon RIP – Ruth & Family)
Seventh Sunday of Easter	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Alice Plant RIP – Codd & Plant Families)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	5.45-6.25 pm	Cleethorpes
Friday	5.45-6.25 pm	Cleethorpes
Saturday	10.00-11.00 am	Cleethorpes

Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Wednesday	5.45-6.15 pm	Cleethorpes
Friday	5.45-6.15 pm	Cleethorpes

And also before and after Mass, by appointment, and at call

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Richard Mellows, Sarah Pollard and Shelagh Winter: if you have any safeguarding concerns or DBS enquiries, please email richard.mellowspsr@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call or send a text to 07513 725509.

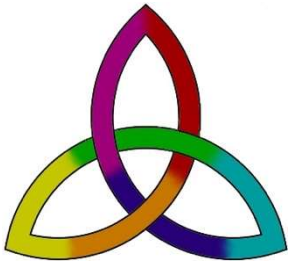
Diocesan Schools in Our Parish

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy
Philip Avenue, Cleethorpes (01472 690672)
St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy
Wellington Street, Grimsby (01472 357982)

To celebrate the sacred liturgy online – youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityGCI

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia, alleluia!
We are an Easter People, and 'Alleluia' is our song!

A Prayer to Our Lady: Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left forsaken. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness, I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come; before you I stand a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my words, O Mother of the Word, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen. Alleluia.



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3rd May 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

I hope that you are continuing to enjoy the Season of Easter, the most beautiful of all the seasons, and as the days lengthen and we see a bit more of the sun than we have throughout the first quarter of the Year of Our Lord 2024, we have a spring in our step as the disciples of Christ.

One of the ways in which the Enabling Our Mission Campaign will benefit our parish is in the establishment of deanery service hubs. Currently, most parishes have an office, although many do not have administrators, as we do; in the future, parishes will be working much more closely together, sharing common resources so that as parish families we can better fulfil our mission. So, financial management and property management will be shared in the deanery service hub, with each parish still maintaining its ownership of its property and its own bank accounts. Our parish is in the vanguard of this, as it is in many diocesan initiatives, and I am currently in discussion with the diocesan offices in Nottingham and the other parishes in northern Lincolnshire to set up a deanery service hub to serve our parishes.

This means that the role of parish administrator is changing, and we will begin that process now. Duncan is a great support to me, as Amanda was, and I know that you appreciate very much the work of the parish office, which has developed since I was appointed as your parish priest in January 2017. However, the development of the parish administrator's role into a deanery administrator role means that Duncan will not just be based in this parish going forward; once the deanery service hubs have been established, he will be working for the other parishes which will be served by it as well.

This means that I am looking for volunteers who can come to be with me in the Presbytery and support me when people come to see me by providing a warm welcome and a drink, answering calls, printing the *Sunday Message*, which is an important but time-consuming job, and other materials, helping to ensure that the Sunday crates are prepped and delivered to the three churches. I am hoping that, as with the rota of stewards' enough people may be willing to volunteer to spread the workload and receive the satisfaction which comes from having a part to play and playing your part.

This does mean that there may not always be an answer straightaway if you call or email the Parish Office. If you call 01472 342301 and there is no answer, **please leave a voicemail** and Duncan will get back to you as soon as he can. If you telephone the Parish Office, and there is no answer and you need to speak to me in a case of necessity, please call 07943059747 – please leave a voicemail if I do not answer, and I will be in touch as soon as I can.

As part of this process, the mailing list for the bulletin is changing. You will need to sign up to receive the bulletin going forward either by using this link or scanning the QR code:

<https://mailchi.mp/26ecf03c3562/general-contact-gathering>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if anything I have written is unclear or if you have any questions or concerns, and I will do my best to answer them.

With my prayers and every good wish,
Yours sincerely,

Fr Andrew

Very Rev Canon Andrew Cole BA STL JCL VF
Parish Priest





A Letter for Safeguarding Sunday from Bishop Patrick

for parish newsletters and / or parish noticeboards

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024

“This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you.”

(John 15:12)

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. It's an opportunity to reflect a little on our ongoing journey as a diocese to build a safer environment for every person. You will recall that the Elliott review in 2020 recommended that the Catholic Church in England and Wales put in place a national safeguarding body. In July 2021 the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency was formed. Its task is to ensure that all dioceses are regulated to meet the national standards recommended in the Elliott Report.

As a diocese, our priority is to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for all those who come in contact with our parishes, chaplaincies, and the Catholic organisations at work throughout the diocese. So I do want to assure you that the diocese is very much committed to embedding robust safeguarding standards. The professional support of our Diocesan Safeguarding Department now enables the safer recruitment and training of all clergy, employees and volunteers. It also ensures that we are transparent and accountable in the way that all allegations and concerns are managed.

I wish to thank the Diocesan Safeguarding Department of Rachael Campion, Alan Booth and Jane Black for all their good work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the priests and parish safeguarding representatives for their generous commitment to improving safeguarding practices in their parishes. Additional training for clergy and parish safeguarding representatives is now in place. There is also safeguarding information available on the diocesan website, and an easy to read and comprehensive guide to safeguarding has been produced in the form of a very helpful Parish Safeguarding Handbook. Please do take a look at this material because it is the responsibility of each of us to help ensure that our churches and chaplaincies are both safe and welcoming. This is something that cannot just be left to the Diocesan Safeguarding Department, the clergy and the parish safeguarding representatives.

From meeting with and listening to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse I have come to understand, ever more deeply, that sexual abuse not only heinously violates a child at the time of their abuse, but it all too often cruelly robs a child of their future. Victims and survivors of sexual abuse continue to carry throughout their lives the painful and debilitating consequences of the grave crime of sexual abuse. I do not underestimate the traumatic and life-long consequences of sexual abuse upon their lives and how it also affects their families and parish communities. Please know that my door, and that of our Diocesan Safeguarding Department, is always open to anyone affected by abuse.

Like you, I continue to love Christ's Church, but I acknowledge that sexual abuse has stained the face of the Church and it has undermined her mission. I feel a deep sense of shame for this abuse. So, as Bishop, I am committed to ensuring that we do everything that we each can to learn from the past and to protect and keep safe the most vulnerable in our communities. There can be no room in our diocese for complacency or for not taking seriously the need for vigilance on the part of all of us. Thank you for doing all you can to support your parish priest and parish safeguarding representative* in fostering a deeper and more evident culture of safeguarding, care and protection for everyone in your parish or chaplaincy.

With my prayers and gratitude,

+Patrick

Rt Rev Patrick McKinney

Footnote to priests and deacons: If no parish representative is currently in place please use the opportunity to raise this with the parish and to ask if anyone would be interested in finding out more about this role. As you know, Rachael and the central Safeguarding team offer excellent training.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May, the Month of Our Lady – the formation of religious and seminarians: May religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Cycle of Prayer: During the Season of Easter, we pray for: new members of the Church; vocations; human work; the right use of the media; and the Church. We also pray for our young parishioners and those who mentor them, the sick and housebound, the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Welcoming Spaces: Holy Trinity Parish Hall is open to anyone who would like some welcoming company this week:

Weds 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm Welcoming Space

Fri 11.00 am – 1.00 pm with Friday Open House

Everyone is welcome to come in for free, with tea, coffee and biscuits available for all who would like them!

Crowning of Our Lady – 19th May 2024: May is Our Lady's month, and on the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we remember that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered in the Upper Room with Our Lady, we will crown the statues of Our Lady in Corpus Christi Church and Sat Mary on the Sea Church during Mass, and at 3.00 pm we will have Eucharistic Adoration with the recitation of the Five Glorious Mysteries on Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, followed by the Crowning of Our Lady in the Grotto.

During this month of May, please remember to say the rosary and find in Our Lady an example of Christian discipleship that we all can follow.

Enabling Our Mission Campaign: As parishioners, we are all called to play an active role in the life of our parish, our Diocese and the Universal Church, proclaiming, celebrating and living our Christian faith in everything that we say and do. Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend was a great success for the Enabling Our Mission Campaign here in our parish. I am delighted to tell you that we have now **surpassed our target of £160,000** and based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass we stand to receive an additional **£30,000 on top of this!**

To allow us to draw a line under the campaign, we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will receive a pledge form for completion in the post or via email in the coming days. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me or the stewards after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately, can I ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts, and all pledges and one-off donations will bring us closer to our shared goal. Please sign the Gift Aid Declaration if you are eligible to do so.

I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to receive your support. While we are guaranteed to receive 40% of our initial target of £160,000, our parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit

from. We hope to receive the majority of pledges **within the next two weeks**, so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. Any 'one off- gifts will be included in these totals, which will benefit the Diocese and our parish.

If you would prefer to give a 'one off' gift, please speak to me after Mass or contact me by phone or email; similarly, anyone who needs any assistance with completing the forms or cards is welcome to speak to me after Mass or contact me. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time. With my sincere thanks for your forbearance, Fr Andrew

Fr Colum Kelly will celebrate Mass in Thanksgiving for his Golden Jubilee in Corpus Christi Church on Saturday 18th May at 11.00 am. There will be a retiring collection at each Mass this Sunday, so that I can make a presentation to Fr Colum at the shared table in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, which will follow Mass, as a small way of saying a big thank you for his ministry here in north eastern Lincolnshire. Fr Andrew

Marine Theme Quiz – 17th May 2024: The North East Lincolnshire Justice and Peace Group invite you to a marine theme quiz in aid of Stella Maris in Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Friday 17th May at 7.15 pm. Admission, on the door, is £2.00 per adult and children go free. There will be a raffle and light refreshments available. All are welcome!

Parish Website: A new website will be launched in the coming weeks, the current website cannot be updated pending this launch, which is why the bulletin is not being updated weekly. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. Fr Andrew

Play Your Cards Right – 1st June 2024: Join the Grimsby Catenians for a social evening of classic British entertainment in Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Saturday 1st June at 7.00 pm. Hosted by Mark 'Good Game, Good Game' Catenians, please bring your own food and drink. All money raised on the night will be given to Harbour Place. Please give a donation when you arrive as an entrance fee, and a raffle will be held during the evening. All are welcome!

Safeguarding: This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday in our Diocese of Nottingham, which gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of safeguarding everyone's wellbeing and creating an environment in which everyone is welcome and everyone is safe.

As part of our constant drive to provide such an environment, we will soon begin to circulate a *Volunteer Information Form*, which collects some basic contact information for any parishioner who volunteers for a ministry which does not require a DBS to be completed.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with Richard Mellows (richard.mellowspr@dioceseofnottingham.uk / 07513 725509) or speak to Richard, Sarah Pollard or Shelagh Winter after Mass. There is a letter from the Bishop about Safeguarding Sunday enclosed with this bulletin. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, and I am grateful for everyone's cooperation in keeping our parish safe. Fr Andrew

The Sunday Message is emailed out to some 300 people each week. We have to ask everyone to re-register to receive it as part of the launch of the new website and other changes to our communications – there is more information about this, and other ongoing developments in our parish and deanery, in the letter from me which accompanies this bulletin. Fr Andrew

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man after all!"

Then Peter addressed them: "The truth I have now come to realise" he said, "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, "Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?" He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 97 (98):1-4

Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or **Alleluia!**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known
God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,
no, I chose you,
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you
is to love one another."

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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your
mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you forever, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection
of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal
Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

North East Lincs Justice & Peace Group

Invite you to a 'marine themed'

QUIZ

In aid of Stella Maris

(Supporting seafarers)

17th May 2024

7.15pm

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Corpus Christi, Cleethorpes



Light refreshments

Raffle

Admission £2 per adult,(payable at door)Children free



PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

June 1st 2024 @ 7pm
Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Join the Grimsby Catenians for a social evening
of classic British entertainment

Hosted by Mark "Good game, Good game" Kingston

All money raised on the night will be given to Harbour Place Grimsby
Entry fee: Please give a donation when you arrive
Raffle: A raffle will be held during the evening
Bring Your Own Food and Drink



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Grimsby Catenians

We meet at The Grimsby
Golf Club on the first
Wednesday every month

