

Sunday Message

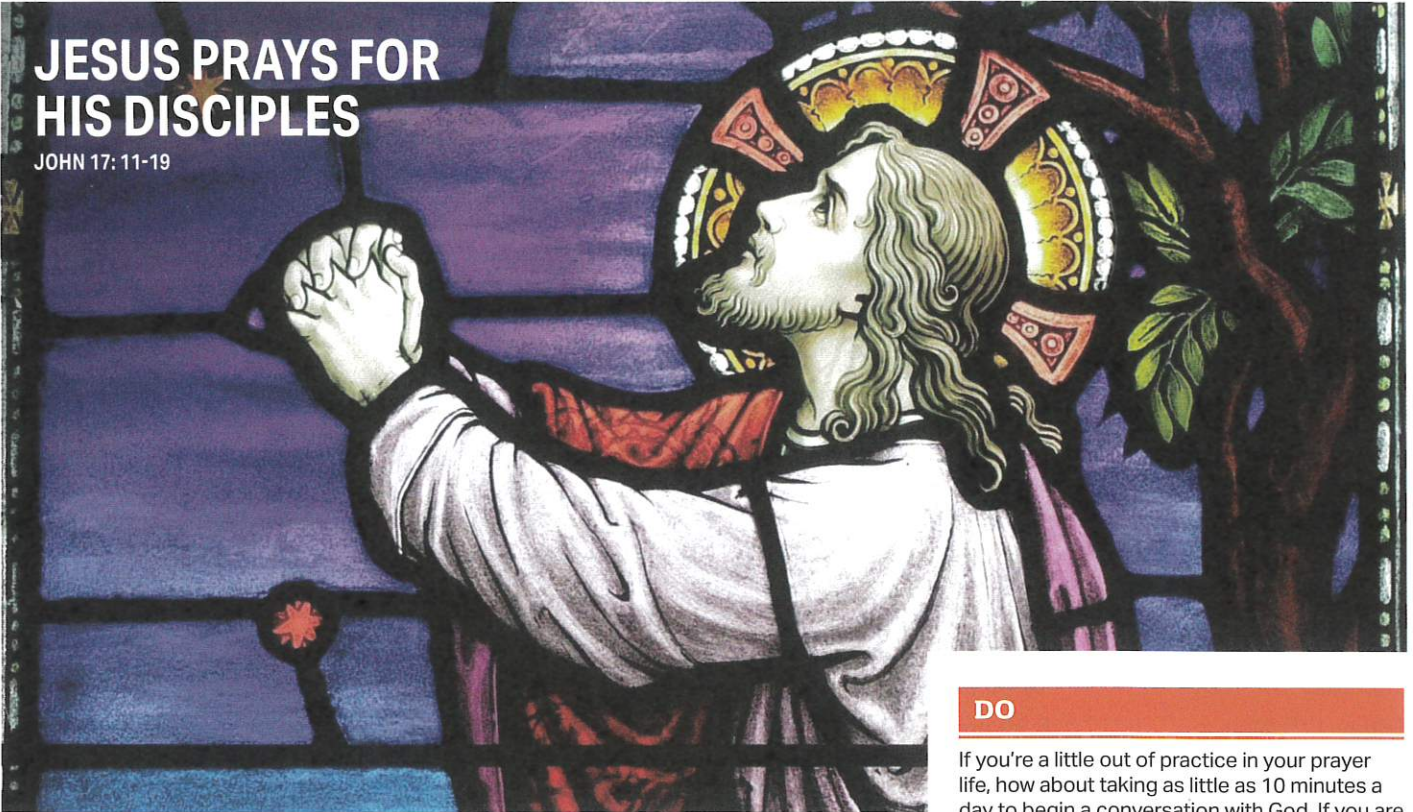
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)

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

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SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

‘OPEN OUR HEARTS AND OUR MINDS’

Saturday 11th May	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 (Hymns: 840, 643, 629, 368, 320) (Margaret & Leo Solomon RIP – Ruth & Family)
	11.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Hymns: 272, 360, 268, 278, 368, 282) (Alice Plant RIP – Codd & Plant Families)
Monday 13 th May	2.00 pm	Open Prayer Hour in Cleethorpes
Tuesday 14 th May	10.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes (Gerard McDermott RIP – MT)
Wednesday 15 th May	10.00 am	Mass in Immingham (The Faithful Departed)
Thursday 16 th May	10.00 am	Mass in Grimsby (Maria Vigarito RIP – Vigarito Family)
Friday 17 th May	6.30 pm	Mass in Cleethorpes (Welfare of Raymond Beard – George Beard)
Saturday 18th May	11.00 am	Mass in Cleethorpes in Thanksgiving for the Golden Jubilee of Ordination of Fr Colum Kelly
	5.00 pm	Mass in Immingham (Grace Walsh RIP – Val & Family)
	6.00 pm	Mass in Grimsby (Polish)
Sunday 19th May	9.00 am	Mass with the Crowning of Mary in Cleethorpes (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
Pentecost	11.00 am	Mass with the Crowning of Mary in Grimsby (Jim Ellison RIP – Nanette Brown)
	3.00 pm	Holy Hour with the Rosary and the Crowning of Mary in Immingham

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday	5.45-6.25 pm	Cleethorpes
Sunday	3.00-4.00 pm	Immingham

Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Friday	5.45-6.15 pm	Cleethorpes
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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: We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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 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 St 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.

On Friday 24th May, everyone is welcome to the Crowning of Our Lady and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar in St Joseph's Catholic Academy at 10.00 am and in St Mary's Catholic Academy, continuing in St Mary on the Sea Church, at 1.30 pm.

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

Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 2024: We will host a Civic Service of Remembrance on the eightieth anniversary of D-Day in St Mary on the Sea Church on Thursday 6th June at 6.00 pm in the presence of the Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of North East Lincolnshire. All will be welcome to attend from across our borough and parish, as we give thanks for the bravery of all who laid down their life for our freedom.

Enabling Our Mission Campaign: I am grateful to everyone who has completed forms and cards, all of which will be returned to me – I think filling in such forms is like voting in an election, as it gives everyone the chance to have their say – and no one ever has been, or ever will be, asked to give what they cannot afford.

Instead of making a pledge, some parishioners have mentioned to me that they would prefer to make a 'one off' gift instead – it is possible to do this using the forms that were distributed with the information packs some weeks ago. Please remember to sign a Gift Aid Declaration if you are eligible to do so. Alternatively, please speak to me after Mass or contact me by phone or email. I am very proud of what we have achieved, not just in this campaign, but in every other aspect of our life and mission as well, and your kindness and

generosity is inspiring to me and to many in our Diocese and beyond.

Bishop Patrick wrote to me last week, after the *Sunday Message* had been printed, to pass on his thanks to everyone: 'I've just heard the news that the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity Parish have already surpassed their target for the Enabling Our Mission Campaign! Congratulations! Please pass on my congratulations and gratitude to your parishioners for their wonderful generosity. +Patrick'

With my sincere thanks to everyone, Fr Andrew

The Faithful Departed: Please pray for: Eileen Mary Little, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Mary on the Sea Church on Thursday 23rd May at 1.00 pm prior to Committal in Scartho Road Cemetery; Bridget Theresa Dales, whose body will be received into Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday 28th May at 4.00 pm and whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 29th May at 10.30 am prior to Committal in Cleethorpes Cemetery; and all who mourn.

Fr Colum Kelly will celebrate Mass in Corpus Christi Church this Saturday, 18th May, at 11.00 am in thanksgiving for his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Presbyterate, and I will concelebrate with him. Anyone who wishes to contribute to a presentation to him can do so by using Dona or by placing an offering in an envelope clearly marked 'Fr Colum'. Please bring anything for 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 this 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!

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' Kingston, 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!

World Communications Day – 12th May 2024: We pray for all who work in communications, that they may listen with understanding and speak truth from the heart, and for or all of us who receive the news in whatever format, that we may learn to discern the good news in all that we hear and make a prudent judgment about what we learn and how we learn it. There will be a second collection today to support the Catholic Communications Network, which takes up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication: through its websites, publications and social media channels, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people, and our parish continues to be part of this with our well-respected livestream and digital ministry. Fr Andrew

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.

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

