

14TH MAY 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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.

Cf. Is 48:20

THE 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,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

8:5-8.14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 65:1-7.16.20. R.v1

R) Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you

should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 14:23

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 14:15-21

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

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 for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

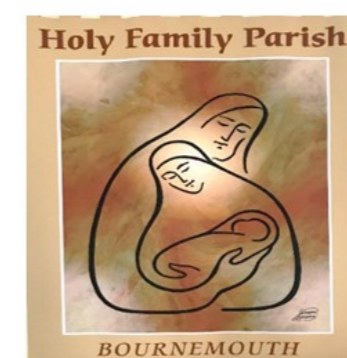
Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

"Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light"

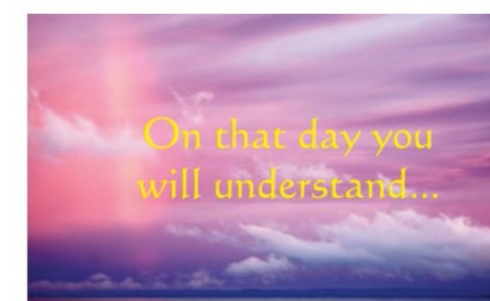
Jesus says of his teaching, of his
commandments.

"if you love me, you will keep my commandments"
Yes, love makes all things easy, Divine Love.

Jesus' commandments are very clear; they are
not his own commands, he tells us. They are his
Fathers, the creator of human nature, who tells
us, by this means, what makes for human
happiness and fulfilment.

Those who have received the commandments
and, through prayer and faithfulness, keep
them, in spite of difficulties, for love of Jesus,
are in fact protecting, nurturing, life's true
happiness and fulfilment. They can count on the
Fathers love—even His admiration.

The Father loves those who love Jesus, and
shares with them the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of
truth and love, who makes *"the yoke easy and the
burden light"*. *"Because I live, you will live"* Jesus
says.





This **Thursday 18th May** is the Feast of the Ascension, it is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven. By ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. It is a Holy day of obligation and one when we can reflect on this 'going up' not as an end of Christ work but the beginning for us, to continue it....

The Unfinished Painting:

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it - choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colours, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it.

Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him.

"Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?"

Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture?

This is the message of the Ascension

(<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges for Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Please pop your used ink cartridges in the box located at the back of the church.
We raise £2 per cartridge! Thank you for your support.



POPE's INTENTIONS for May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

www.thepopevideo.org

Please use this QR
Code to make
donations to
the Parish



MASS INTENTIONS

We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

If you would like a Mass offered for your intention,
please speak to the Parish office

Mass request envelopes are at the back of church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Jocelyne Cotrel
Les Netherton
Noel Harris

Kevin Moor
Frances Smith
Sheila Shelley

Frances & Tony Herbert
Anna Browne Tony Bateman
Mike & Kathleen Carter

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer intentions

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 13	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun 14	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mon 15	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues 16	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am
Wed 17			NO MASS
Thur 18	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	THE ASCENSION of THE LORD
Fri 19	CtK	9.30am	Mass followed by the Divine chaplet
Sat 20	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sun 21	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Spend an hour with me."
- Jesus



HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS at 7PM
St Bernadette's church
If not 1 hour, then come and spend
some time



"AFTER THE LOVE
WHICH WE OWE
JESUS CHRIST,
WE MUST GIVE
THE CHIEF PLACE
IN OUR HEART
TO THE LOVE OF
HIS MOTHER MARY."
- ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MAY, THE MONTH OF
MARY


WELL DONE !!
**A team from Holy Family
Parish came 1st in the
Diocesan Quiz on
Friday 28th April !**
We are awaiting the trophy

Why not join us for the
next parish quiz
Date to be confirmed



The Diocese is encouraging the re-introduction of receiving the Precious Blood at Communion.

Fr Chacko would like to reintroduce this into the Parish on the feast of Corpus Christi (11th June). It will be available for all who wish to receive communion under both kinds.



To prepare, there will be training for Eucharistic ministers beforehand—dates to be confirmed



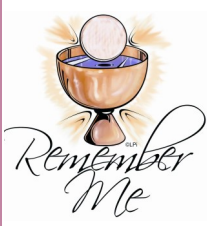
PENTECOST

Please note the mass times for the celebration of Pentecost as we come together as one parish.


Saturday 27 May
Vigil Mass - 6pm at CtK

Sunday 28 May
11am at StB

Please continue to pray for



our 16 children who will be receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on 11th June



our 5 young people who will be confirmed in the faith on 2 July