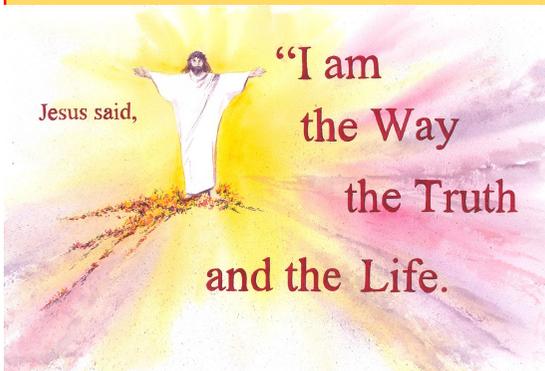


Reflection



Many things can trouble our hearts. The daily news is often unsettling. The Pandemic has been around eight weeks, we hear Politicians & Scientists argue. The economy is in trouble. Crime never goes

away.

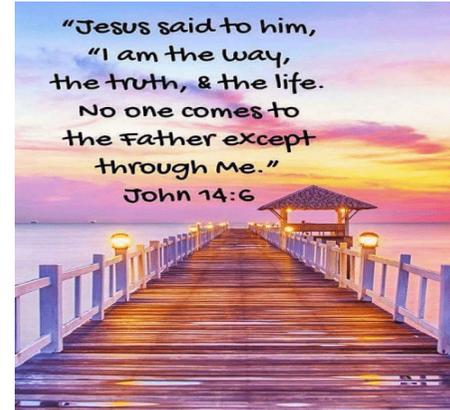
Then there are personal concerns - job, health, family. The list goes on.

How can Jesus say, "Do not yet your hearts be troubled?"!

First, we are not experiencing anything new. Life was not easy for the disciples or the other people in Jesus' day. Nor have things been easy for any century thereafter. But Jesus points to something much greater - the Father's house. Jesus goes first to open the doors and prepare the way. All we have to do is follow. While we can enjoy many good things in this life, along with the problems and stresses, this broken world is never our true home. If it were, we could never be at peace; we would always be troubled. But when we live in the perspective of our Father's home for us, we can both enjoy this world and be at peace when things do not go well. All we need to remember is that Jesus says he is **the Way, the Truth and the Life** and follow him.

**MASS LIVE ON
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(PAUL ROY LOMAS)**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SATURDAY 9th MAY
Vigil Mass 4.00 pm
SUNDAY 10th May
Mass 9.30 am**

Saturday 9th

5th SUNDAY of EASTER 10th

Monday 11th Easter Feria

Tuesday 12th Easter feria

Wednesday 13th Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday 14th S. Matthias Ap. M.

Friday 15th Easter feria

Saturday 16th 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Mass 9.30 am Sean Loma

NO MASS

Mass 10 am Staff and pupils at our schools.

Mass 10 am All who are sick

Mass 10 am All who are feeling alone.

Mass 10 am All on the frontline

Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Next Week : Saturday 16th May 2020

Vigil Mass 4 pm

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 17th May 2020

Mass at 9.30am



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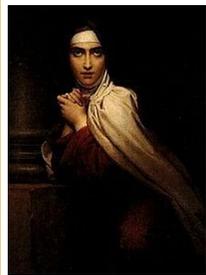
Hymn for St. Benedict

Saint of the thorns and roses,
Saint of the perfect way!
Far greater than earth's soldiers,
Thou, whom we hymn today;
He, that a city taketh,
Is not of worth so rare,
As he who rules his spirit
With never ceasing care.

Saint of the thorns and roses,
Saint of the Holy Rule,
By deeds and precepts teaching,
The secrets of thy school;
To quench the darts of Satan,
By flesh and anguish torn,
Then rise for aye a victor,
Saint of the roseate thorn.

Saint of the thorns and roses,
Each pang which drew from thee,
The very life-blood flowing,
Hath set thy spirit free:
As with thy spirit waking,
Hails the eternal morn,
Sweet Sharon's rose shall crown thee,
The rose without a thorn.

O guide us Heavenly Father,
And rule us in thy love.
And lead us to the kingdom,
Of perfect rest above,
And lest we lose the roses,
Of heaven's eternal morn,
Help us to grasp more bravely
Our daily cross of thorn.



"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." St. Theresa of Avila

Piety Stall

The piety stall has been restocked and replenished ready for when we all return. There are small gifts for special occasions, rosaries and cards.

If there is something that is not there that you would like please let Fr. Paul know.



Our Lady of Fátima is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on the Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal. The three children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins. The feast day is this Wednesday 13th May. Our Lady of Fatima: pray for us.

On Sunday this weekend the Prime minister is to announce his road plan for coming out of the Pandemic. It looks like things WILL NOT change very much initially. Please keep safe, stay at home and keeping praying.



In May we honour Mary. Give her a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there are.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering insider. Paul has no outstanding Masses.

Your weekly offering for the Upkeep of St. Benedict's.

Those of you who make a weekly cash offering are not able to do so now. Can I suggest you either download a Standing Order form from the Diocesan Website. If not, then put your money in the weekly envelopes and bring them to Mass when we can all meet again. Can I suggest that you hold on to the Easter Offering for Fr. Paul until we are back together again. Thank you.