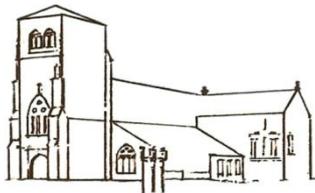


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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –

- “These are a few ways we can practice humility:

To speak as little as possible of one's self. To mind one's own business.

Not to want to manage other people's affairs. To avoid curiosity. To accept contradictions and corrections cheerfully. To pass over the mistakes of others. To accept insults and injuries. To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. To be kind and gentle even under provocation.

Never to stand on one's dignity.”

– Mother Teresa, *The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living*

Today's Gospel follows on from last Sunday when Jesus spoke of himself as the true vine. It is to the Father's glory that we bear much fruit, and that can only come by drawing life from the vine, being ever closer to Jesus.

Jesus continues to talk about love. Remaining in the Father's love will see us with a joy totally fulfilled. The closeness of Jesus to the Father, a love of infinite depth, generosity and beauty, is the reason why we are able to love God and each other. This wonderful thing, *love*, takes us beyond ourselves into the realms of mystery and God's amazing truth. We are being drawn into that profound relationship, giving us a joy beyond our wildest dreams. Clearly, it is something God wants us to have – to have undiluted joy.



Notice where it all begins “*As the Father has loved me so I have loved you.*” A staggering statement saying just how much God loves us, to be followed by “*Love one another*” Jesus says “*as I have loved you*”. Wow, that is how we are to be with each other. What a world it would be if only we even tried to live like that!!

But our love for each other is only a reflection of God's love for us. His love comes first. “*This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us...*”

The fruit of all this is what St. Paul says “*and that peace of God which is much greater than we can understand will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus*”.

When Jesus speaks of us keeping the commandments, these are not something oppressive or frightening. What he commands us is “*to love one another*”.

Jesus says we are “*chosen*” and he calls us “*friends*”. A better translation is to call us his “*loved ones*” with whom he shares everything about his Father, and when we bear fruit we can ask the Father for “*anything, in the name of Jesus*”.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we celebrate every weekend -
on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m.
There will be an opportunity for **confession** during these times.

The **Feast of the Ascension** has been restored to its traditional position, next Thursday, ten days before Pentecost. There will be no Vigil Mass because I will be in London for the James Mallon day. However, there will be an evening Mass on Ascension Day itself for those unable to attend the Midday Mass. It is a **holy Day**.

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Parishioners
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Eddie Barratt
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Sylvia Amoo and family
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	<u>12.00</u>	Martin Doherty
	<u>6.00</u> p.m.	Parishioners
Friday	12.00	Bryan O,rauk
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	John Lynch

Eddie Barratt has died, this morning, Friday, at 7.10, a very dear friend to so many of us in the parish and beyond, and a great benefactor of the parish in so many practical and generous ways. Much will be said about Eddie during this coming week, many tributes are being made on our parish Facebook page. For the moment it is enough to say that he was a deeply spiritual man, greatly loved, who will be very much missed. To Margie and all his family we offer our sincere thanks for lending us Eddie so generously. Our prayer is with you all. Eddie's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 15th. May, at 11.00 a.m.

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer - Kelly Wilson, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Selamawit, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahon, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them.

The next **Parish Assembly** will be on 14th.July.

The **Prayer Group** will meet in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

The **Men's Group** will meet this Monday, 21st. May, 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

The next **Justice & Peace** group is next Thursday, 24th.May in St. Bernard's

Adoremus—Holy Hour Next Sunday 13th May at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 3pm

The next Pastoral Area Holy Hour will be on Sunday 13th May at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 3pm. This is changed from the usual 2nd Thursday of the month because the feast of the Ascension returns to its traditional day, 40 days after Easter Sunday.

Care for our common home. Let's get rid of plastic. The UK government has pledged £60 million to reducing plastic pollution. Yet latest figures show that last year 1,138,630 single use plastic cups were used in Parliament alone, as well as 398,00 items of plastic cutlery and 21,500 plastic straws!! We are being asked to contact our MPs to urge them to join the campaign for a plastic free Parliament. Sharing our concerns can encourage them to really support the campaign. The easiest way is to use the website : www.plasticfreeparliament.co.uk. Or write if you prefer.

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£573.89**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,198 69**. Thank you all very much.

Holy Land Pilgrimage. Quite a number of people have expressed an interest in joining our proposed pilgrimage, so it is now time to firm it up. I will formally book the dates 21st. to 28th. February, 2019 and you will then be asked to fill in booking forms and pay a deposit to Northern Star. While it will be our parish pilgrimage others will be welcome to join us.

The work on St. Bernard's buildings has started in earnest. The former hall roof has been stripped of slates (lots of pigeons have lost their homes!), the building surrounded by scaffolding. My back yard is full of poles – my admiration for those scaffolders knows no bounds. Those lads do dangerous work so quickly and competently. With the social houses being built on one side, the church transformation on the other, with the demolition of the hall in the middle, there is every kind of tradesman around. (And they all make a fuss of Little Mick- what a “cracker” is a common phrase. I'm sure Mick will tell you that himself!). The demolition will take another month, the housing until August and the church - some unknown future date.

You will see notices at the back of the Church from Blessed Sacrament parish in Aintree. **OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Blessed Sacrament Parish Church, Aintree are welcoming Fr Chase Hilgenbrinck from Illinois, USA, who left his career as a successful South-American footballer to become a priest. Fr Chase is visiting Blessed Sacrament Parish Church and Schools, Archbishop Beck, Savio High Schools to share what the Holy Spirit has done for him. You are most welcome to join us at any Pentecost Masses (Sat. 4.30 pm, Sunday 10 am and 5 pm), and especially the meeting on **Saturday 19th May at 5.30 pm in the Parish Centre** to talk to Fr Chase and his parents Mike and Kim. (See posters for further details). Knights of Columbus' video available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RR9AvbO6a6g>

There are still seats available. **The Priests** are coming over from Ireland to perform at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 1st June 2018. Proceeds will go to Nugent and Metropolitan Cathedral funds. Nugent will use all its share of the proceeds to support resettlement projects across the Archdiocese. Tickets are available via the Philharmonic website, Metropolitan Cathedral Shop and from Marie Reynolds at Nugent.

Fr. Chris Thomas, of the Irenaeus Project, 32, Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, L22 1RD , is giving a series of talks on the first four Thursdays of May, 3rd., 10th., 17th. 24th., from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. To be highly recommended if you can make it.

New parishioners. Gradually the new houses on Edge Lane/Wavertree Road are being occupied and we have yet to welcome the our new neighbours. We ask you good people to form a welcoming team, visiting our new neighbours in their houses. See a member of our Community and Social team, Deacon Francis or me.

Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham, William Kenney, told a Caritas summit on Catholic Social Teaching and the world of work that “*what is needed is to put each individual at the centre of our thinking and concerns, not the economy, nor privilege, nor wealth, but every person’s dignity as a worker, whatever it is that they contribute to the world*”. He was echoing the core of Catholic Social teaching that the worker and his dignity and wages come before profit.

Co-Ordination meeting. This coming Thursday at 5.00 p.m. in the parish rooms

Living Christ Retreat. Here in our new rooms. 22nd-23rd. May, from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. You will remember that a number of you took part in these retreats in Garston, Friday evenings and Saturdays, lay people running retreats for lay people. The same team are now on the road, making available in other venues an opportunity for spiritual renewal. As you will see the time scale tells us they are being directed to other groups of people, retired, those available during the day, with a particular concern for the house bound. Cars will be available for anyone who would like a lift. It is a really good opportunity to respond to God’s promptings. I do hope many of you will embrace it.

The **Mass** for the First Holy Communion children will be on Saturday, 19th. May, at 11.00 a.m. Children and parents are asked to come to a rehearsal next Saturday at 12.00 noon

Eucharistic Congress. Five of you volunteered to represent the parish at the Congress in September. I would be very grateful if you would contact me.

I get carried away sometimes, but I get so moved by the sheer goodness I meet, every day, in our parish, by you. I hear and see so much generous giving of self, time, and money, and so quietly. No fuss. This is what it’s all about. What a Christian community should be like. God bless you. Let us build on it.

Little Mick’s Spot (paws for thought). Thank God for the kindness of my fans. TD came in the other day with a gift for me. A lovely lady had given him some chicken for me, not ordinary chicken, but ORGANIC chicken. For Little Mick, she said (Note, not for you, TD). I thought – when **he** gives me chicken, meat and nice stuff he normally says – this is going off. Better give it to Mick. “Going off”! that’s what I get! Carol, thank you so much. It was lovely. There was so much I had it in two lots. Now it’s back to my old Eukanuba, and the “goings off” and left overs that he gives me. I am very excited at the moment with all the work going on and the compliments the men give me, but more important there are varmints about. I see the holes and smell them and get very angry. I admit, I am obsessed with them. It’s in my Jack Russell genes. I told TD there was one in the compost bin. Then he saw it. He jumped out of his skin. We tried but couldn’t get it out. But I will. The scaffolders took off the back door and I have a free run around the building site. Some ball chasing, hunting practice for me. TD’s not too pleased with me. Tell you next week.

