



Sacred Space

10th May to 16th May

Sunday Gospel John 14:1-12



Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’

Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?’

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

Sunday Space



This Sunday's gospel again had Jesus reassuring his friends that he will guide them even when they can't see him. John's gospel spends quite a bit of time over this sense of friendship and we see that Jesus' friends don't have as much confidence in him as you would think. One of the reasons people believe in the gospels is this sense that the writers are happy to be seen as failures, as doubters and people who ask questions. I suppose the point is that if we knew everything then we wouldn't need God and it is our honest 'I'm not sure' that actually helps us get to know Jesus better. I'm sure you have a lot of questions you would like to ask Jesus about our current situation. Maybe take a bit of quiet time to share those questions with him and ask him to show you a 'way' to deal with them.

There is a workbook on the Gospel attached – some of it may be a little young for you but maybe to share with siblings or the family. There's a good activity about blessing the rooms in your house which you might like to try. Also a guide for saying the Rosary including some prayers from Pope Francis.

I have kept attached the May Kindness Challenge in case you want to catch up. I am praying for you every day and hope that you and your family are well. If you have any prayers you would like me to say for you, or if you would like a chat - please email me.

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God Bless, Mairie

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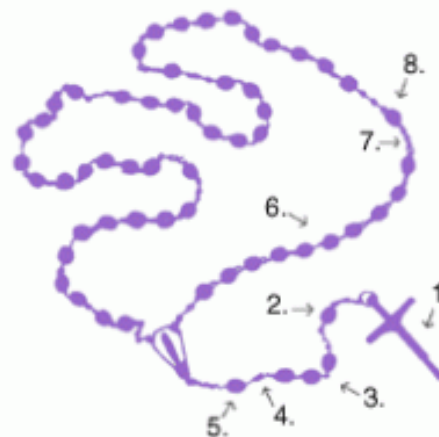
Pray the Rosary

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In May we traditionally think about Mary, Jesus' mother, and how she guides us to talk to and listen to her son. We often make a point of saying the Rosary during May as this gives us time to sit with Mary and Jesus in prayer. The Rosary is a wonderful prayer if you are anxious or unable to sleep. Many people think of it as a way of making time for God. The diagram below is a very simple way of praying the Rosary – you can add readings from scripture and other prayers but this heartfelt repetition is just as good and you can place the name of a person or situation before you begin to pray. Saying the Rosary with someone else is also very meaningful- perhaps you could say it over social media with one of your relatives? If you don't have a rosary you can use your fingers or beads, marbles or pebbles. Here is a video of how to pray the rosary – and to pray along – from St Nicholas' Church in Hereford.

[Praying the Rosary](#)

How to Pray the Rosary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray three Hail Marys.
4. Pray Glory Be to the Father.
5. Announce the mystery for reflection and pray the Our Father.
6. Pray the 10 Hail Marys.
7. Finish the decade with the Glory Be to the Father.

Mindful Monday

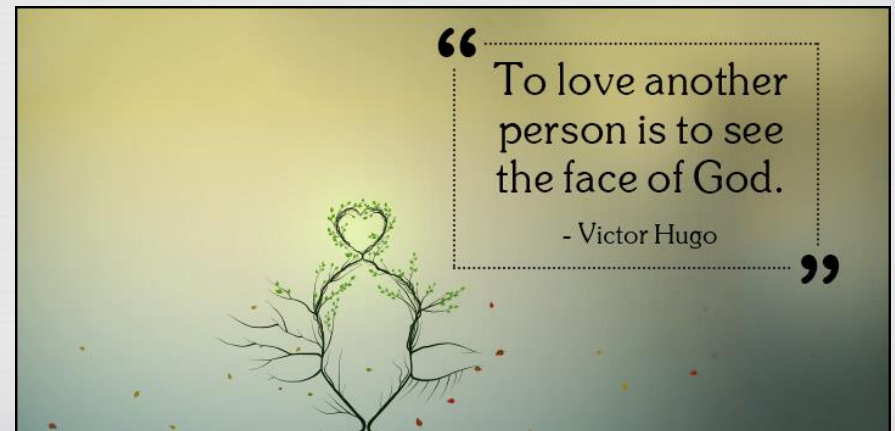


At the start of the week, we begin with a sense of knowing that where we are is maybe not where we are meant to be.

*God, forgive us when
We treat your generosity as our right
And keep it to ourselves.
Give us enough trust to live
secure in your love
And to share it freely with others
In the confidence that
Your grace will never run out.
Amen
Jan Berry*

‘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.’ John 14

Listen - [Listen to our Hearts](#)





psalm 27v1



Thankful Tuesday



We often think about what we want.

We rarely think about what we already have.

We are surrounded by good fortune. Take a moment to count your blessings.

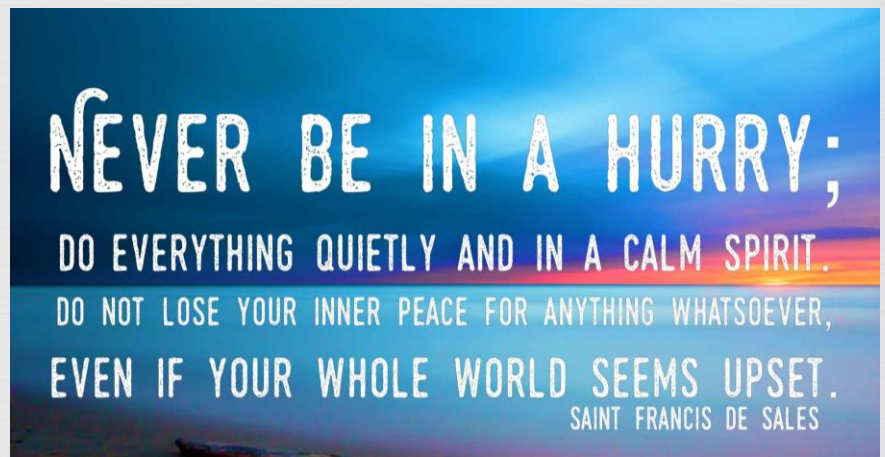
*Lord,
I wish you could give me eyes so large
that I could see the world as you do.
Because I like looking at the world
but sometimes I forget to notice,
to admire, to acknowledge
all that is good.
Amen*

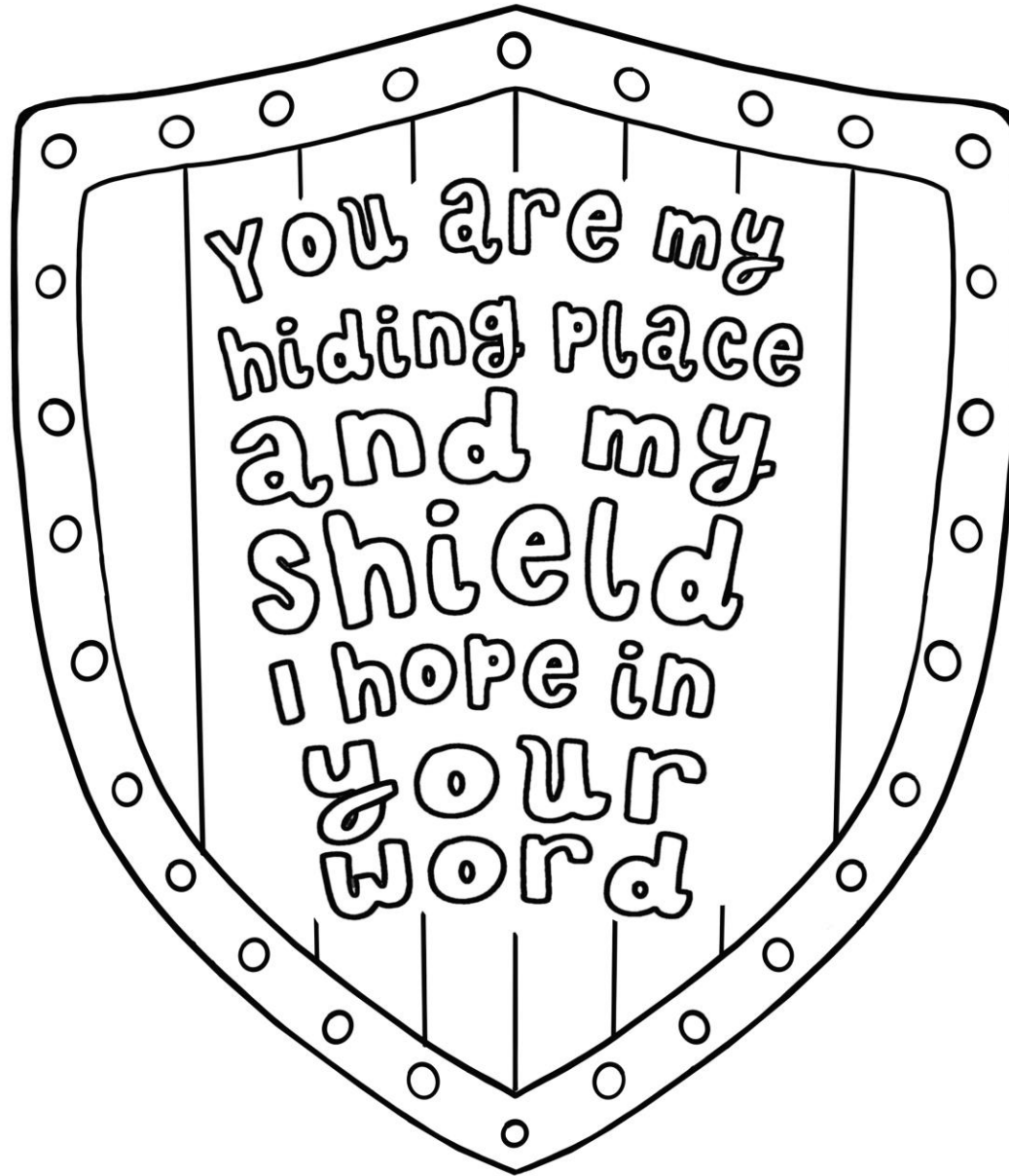
‘Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace
I give you, a peace the world cannot
give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or
afraid.’ John 14

Listen -

[Good, good Father](#)





Psalm 119V114

Wonder Wednesday

15th May – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



Midweek can seem mundane – nothing special.

It's good to take a moment and pay attention to the small but important something that may be in front of our eyes.

*"I think us here to wonder, myself.
To wonder. To ask.*

And that in wondering 'bout the big things and asking 'bout the big things, you learn about the little ones, almost by accident. But you never know nothing more about the big things than you start out with.

The more I wonder, the more I love."

— Alice Walker

'I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty;'

John 15

Today is the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima and recognises the appearance of Our Lady to three young Portuguese children during World War One.

Imagine their sense of wonder!

Watch here - [Our Lady of Fatima](#)



Thoughtful Thursday

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Oh, Thursday already.

Maybe time to focus on where the week is going? Anything that needs to change?

Lord, do not simply say that you are with us.

*Millions do not know you, and to those of us who do,
what is the difference?*

What is the point of your presence if our lives do not change?

Lord, I give you permission to change my life.

Amen

Jesus said, '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.'

John 15

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[You will be found](#)







Fabulous Friday



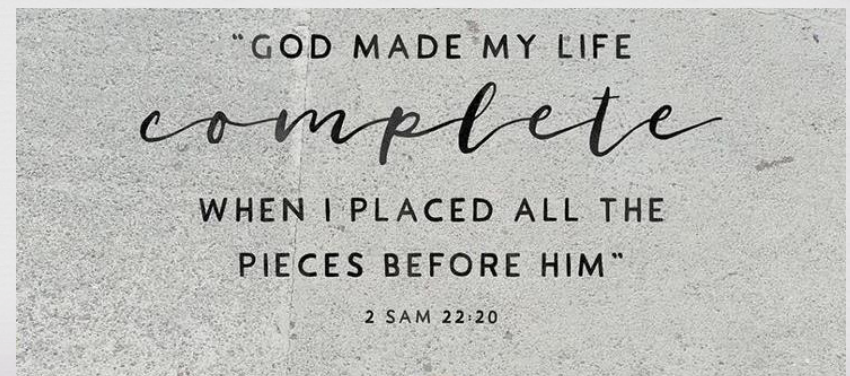
Another week. How was it for you? Before racing into the weekend, take a minute. Reflect back on your successes and your challenges. Are you beginning Friday in the best place? If not, now's the time to make it right. If so – then – *Fantastic!*

*Loving Father,
In all of us there is a longing
for a life that has not yet come,
for a world that that is free and just,
for a dream of hope for all people.
May your Kingdom come.
Amen
Dorothy McMahon (adapted)*

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

My command to you is to love one another.' John 15

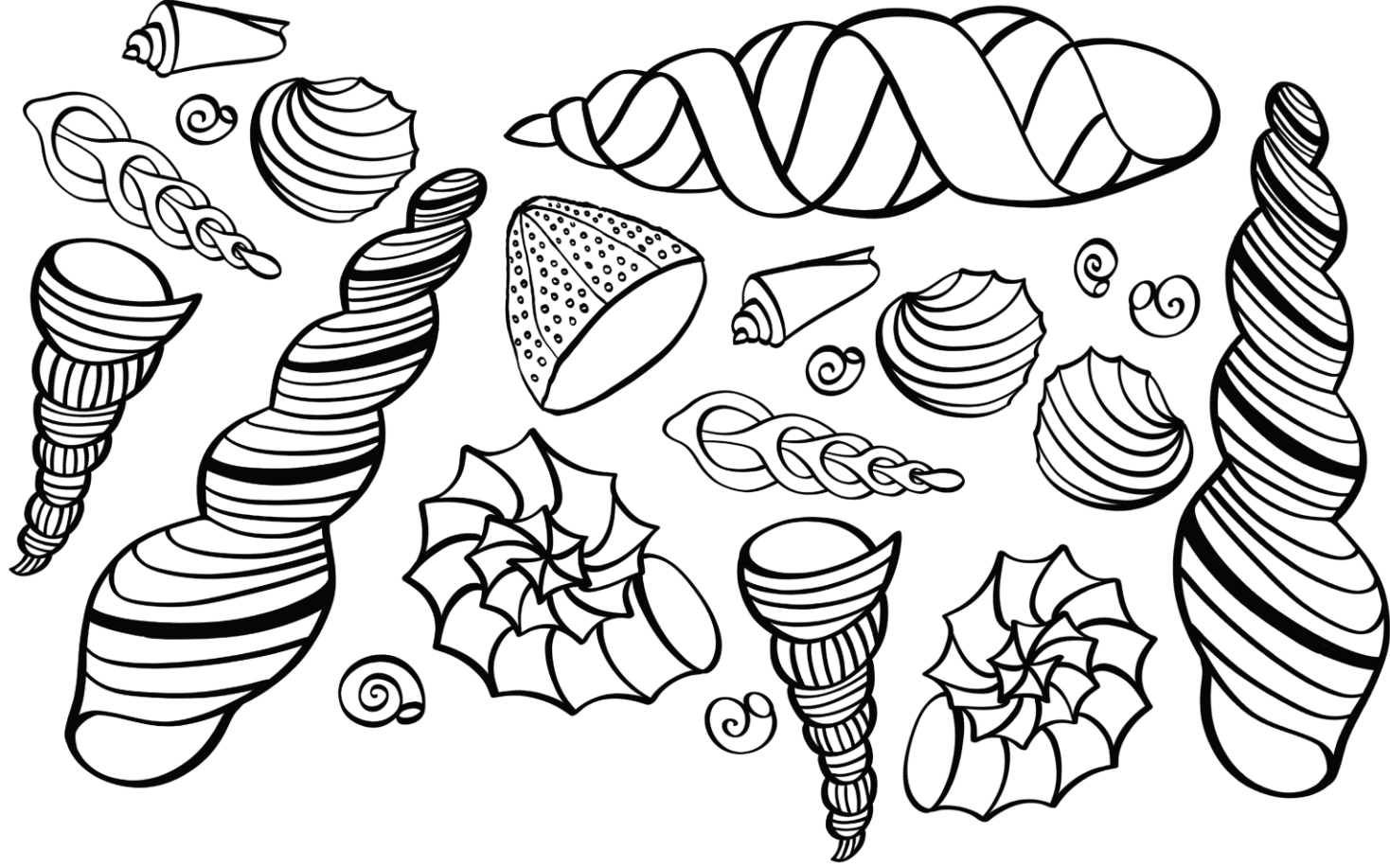
Listen [Amazing Grace - Virtual Choir](#)



fear. psalm 34v4

He freed me from all my

I prayed to the LORD and
he answered me.



Pope Francis
Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously
on our journey as a sign of
salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you
participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the
Roman People, know
what we need.
We are certain that you
will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of
Galilee, joy and feasting might
return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves
to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings
upon Himself, and bore our
sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy
of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your
protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas
– we who are put to the test –
and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Simply Saturday

23rd May 2020

*We pray today for all those
affected by the Pandemic.
And add our own intentions
to the prayers of the world.
Amen*