

The Catholic Parish Christ the King & St Joachim

**"I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one can
come to the Father
except through me."**

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Dear friends,

These words of Jesus are both a comfort to the soul for many whiles also being troubling for others.

In our modern world where we are aware of the diversity of cultures and religions, this statement of our Lord has been referred to as the 'scandal of particularity'.

Our Lord seems to be claiming an exclusive role that no one else can. He is the only way to the Father; that is union and reconciliation with God, our Heavenly Father. He claims throughout his ministry that he and the Father are one. He indeed insist in reply to Philip's question, "show us the father and we will be satisfied", that to have seen him is to have seen the Father.

Jesus claims that he is the visible manifestation of God. The intimate relationship at the heart of God is being revealed and we have a glimpse into the life of the Trinity.

The difficulty we have is that our Lord cannot deny his very being and genuine self. If he is the second person of the trinity and the incarnation of God himself, then these words are the very thing we must expect of him.

Truth can sometimes be inconvenient. It often forces us to reassess our assumptions and live with the uncomfortable realities that it reveals. If we deny these words of our Lord for the sake of being nice to others then we deny Christ himself.

Christianity stands or falls on the true identity of Jesus. Either he is the incarnate Son of God or he isn't. If he is not, then I have better things to do with my time than dealing with the joys and sorrows of being a parish priest. However, I am utterly convinced that Jesus is who he said he is and is my Lord and Saviour who has the words of eternal life. He is the way, truth and life that my heart longs for and seeks.

This truth shapes our prayer, thinking and actions but doesn't preclude aspects of truth being seen in those from different religions. Our approach to others is formed by the Word of God.

The revealed Word of God tells us that all are made in the image of God, that all life has a sacred origin and is precious in the sight of God. Our devotion to Christ as the clearest revelation of the will of God and means of grace, is revealed partly in our ability to love our neighbour, even our enemies, as he taught.

Following Christ in his Way demands that we are not 'nice' to people but have greater and harder task of loving them. This loving, in the manner of our Lord, will inevitable require sacrifice and a passion to love willingly, even to the point of death. The truth found in this self-giving love is what we celebrate in Christ's triumph over death in his resurrection during this Eastertide.

Blessings Fr Neil

LIVE- STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY

In addition to the regular programme there will be the following:

CATECHESIS

The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day.

<https://vimeo.com/413915450>

Bishop Richard's Podcast

Live streaming of Mass in the Parish

Given the ongoing crisis the mass will be streamed live on Facebook 10.00am Monday to Friday, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11.30am. The two pages that mass will alternately be on is 'Christ The King with St Joachim, Eastbourne' and 'Eastbourne Ordinariate'.

Sunday at 11.30am will be streamed direct to the Eastbourne Ordinariate YouTube channel.

Other things of interest

BBC 2 The Pilgrimage, follows 6 celebrities, on a walking pilgrimage to Istanbul. **YouTube** has a film called 'All or Nothing', it's the true story of St

Clare Crockett. Also the National Theatre is streaming on demand past productions, this next week is the 'Frankenstein'. Radio 4 each Monday at 4pm has the religious programme, 'Beyond Belief'.

Church Opening

There are indications that the Prime Minister will lift the restrictions on the closure of places of worship. As soon as we have the go ahead we will open the churches for private prayer. The blessed sacrament will be exposed at certain times during the week which we will give details of in coming editions of the newsletter. With the opening of the churches there will also be better access to the **sacrament of confession** via the confessional. Please contact Fr Neil or Fr Thomas.

Magnificat

Many have the Magnificat booklet which is excellent for following the mass and with articles of interest. The Magnificat has been made free online for those with the tech. Here's the link below.

<https://us.magnificat.net/home/free-online>

Zoom parish prayer meetings:

We will continue our Sunday morning prayers every Sunday at 10.30am and also we are going to have our Fridays chats including a short evening prayer, on Fridays at 7.00pm.

Meeting ID: 343 302 3105
Password: 340767

We pray for :

Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Sheila Douds, Helena Sagnelia, Peter and Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith, Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, Moira Morrison,

For the deceased -who have died recently: Pauline Brangwyn and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

5th Sunday of Easter

Readings at Mass

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Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear
much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him
songs.- R

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. - R

The Lord looks on those who revere
him, on those who hope in his
love, to rescue their souls from
death, to keep them alive in
famine. - R

Second reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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.'

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of
life.

Through Christ our Lord.

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