

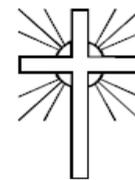


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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Fr Martin writes:

The 2020 Diocesan Yearbook is now printed and ready for despatch. Because of the situation we find ourselves in, this year the Yearbook is not being distributed by bulk deliveries to parishes, but by direct mail order. Yearbooks cost £4 each, plus post and packing at £2 for one copy or £4 for between two and six copies. Post your order and cheque (payable to NRC DT) to:

Diocesan Yearbook Orders, The Presbytery, Halam Road, SOUTHWELL NG25 0AD.

Footsteps is a series of talks organized by the parish of St Peter's Hazel Grove. The meeting on Tuesday 19 May will not be open for public access, but you can watch it at 7.30pm using this link:

<https://stpeterscatholic.church/webcam-2/>.

Owen Le Blanc examines the "call to holiness", how we can grow towards it and how does it fit into the lives of ordinary Christians. Ask any questions during the talk by Emailing them straight away to admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk. Fr Peter will relay them to Owen so he can respond on the night.

Thoughts from this week's Readings:

Speak out with a voice of joy ...the Lord has set his people free!

Even though we remain conscious of the real trauma that many continue to struggle with today, there is a sense of joy in this week's readings. We hear of it arising from the marvellous 'Acts of the Apostles' (today's **First Reading**), and also in the *Psalm*, a hymn rejoicing in the great things the Lord has done for his people.

In the same way, we have a taste of this joy in the **Gospel** promise: the Spirit will be given to us, and the Lord will be in us and we in the Lord.

Even the sufferings meted out to the followers of Christ (**Second Reading**) could not diminish their gratitude for the Lord. This was bound up in the hope of the Resurrection which gave them, as it today gives us, the reason to respect one another and to reverence the Lord.

This week, let's pray that the trials we have faced over the past months, and the sufferings we continue to endure, will not hold back the life of the Spirit in us. In all things, may we speak with joy of the good things the Lord has done and continues to work in our lives.

Reflection: I come before the Lord today, conscious of how I am feeling.

Who is the 'me' coming to pray today? Gently, I become more and more still. I ask for the guidance and companionship of the Holy Spirit, who has been promised to me. *I am not alone!*

Though we are already six weeks into Eastertide, I may still be struggling with the effects of pandemic living. What is the reason for the hope I cling to? Perhaps it has been dashed a little over these past months? *I know I can be honest before the Lord.*

It may help to ask myself what has been ... and is ... going on in my life, my family, my community, my world. What has been touching me, moving me, opening my heart? Where have I seen examples of 'living a good life'? Or perhaps I have closed myself off at times. *Again I can be honest.*

I give myself time to ponder deeply, but always in the presence of the Lord who already knows me better than I know myself.

When ready, I close my prayer with an act of trust (perhaps a text I learned as a child, or my own words). I don't have all the answers. I may be full of questions, struggling with doubts or lacking in hope.

So I simply commit myself to reverencing the Lord Christ in my heart. He died for me that I might be led to God, this might be my hope this week. Glory be ...

I make myself comfortable and try to become still. I may wish to focus on my breathing as I slow down. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the Early Church. As I breathe in, I invite the Spirit to live in me. As I breathe out, I imagine getting rid of any fears, doubts, self-reliance, lack of trust.

When ready, I slowly read the Gospel. Where do I find myself pausing? Perhaps I notice what it means to me ... to be so close to the Lord that I am in him and the Lord is in me?... that I was loved first, and the commandment is simply to respond to that love? - that I will not be left orphaned? I stay with whatever is drawing my attention, noticing how I feel.

What might the Lord be saying to me through these words? Do I wish to say something in response? Again, I pause, moving on only when ready.

The Gospel message is that Jesus wishes to give me the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. I may like to end by asking the Spirit, now, to help me receive the Lord's commandment to love and to keep it in my heart.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart and enkindle in me the fire of your divine love. Spirit, at work in me, renew the face of the world. Amen.

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Parish Liturgy This Week

The week ahead:

Sun 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Mon 18	St John 1, Pope & Martyr		
Tue 19	St Dunstan, Bishop	Wed 20	St Bernadine of Siena, Priest
Thu 21	ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Holyday of Obligation	Fri 22	St Rita of Cascia, Religious
Sat 23	Easter Feria	Sun 24	Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Saturday 16th May, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls; For the people of the parish; For Philip Higgins RIP (birthday memorial) (KR);
For Tom Broaders RIP (birthday memorial) (JR); For John Elliot RIP (LD); For deceased members of the Ryan and O'Niell families, RIP (PT); and For Hetty Thomas RIP (GR).

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

Bishop Patrick will offer a simple Mass at Bishop's House to live stream at 9 am this Sunday, the Cathedral Mass will be at 10 am celebrated by the Cathedral clergy.

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham continue their livestreaming service throughout the week, including Sunday Mass at 9.30am. To connect to these services, please visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/livestreams and select the church you wish to view.

The Nottingham Diocese website provides details of live-streamed Sunday Masses throughout the UK if you would prefer to join Sunday Mass at a different time.

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 Psalm 65, 1-5, 16, 20 1 Peter 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Due to the covid-19 pandemic situation both in our diocese and in France the annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage won't take place in July as planned, but will be postponed until the same time in July 2021. All pilgrims who had made a booking have been contacted by the tour operator, Tangney Tours, and refunds have been arranged. It is hoped that later in the year, depending on the coronavirus situation, to celebrate a '**Lourdes in a Day**' reunion event, including Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the Sick, and a Torchlight Rosary Procession. Information about this will be circulated in due course and when it is possible again to meet together for such a day.

Supporting your parish:

Now that Holy Mass is no longer celebrated in public, many people who currently support our parishes by donating cash each week in the collection will be eager to find a way to continue their support. If you send a stamped addressed envelope to Fr Martin he will send you a standing order form to fill in and return. Mark your envelope "SMC" if you wish to support St Mary's, and "AS" if you wish to support All Saints, and send it to Royle House, Church Street, Glossop SK13 7RJ.

If you have signed up for online or telephone banking, and are confident about setting up a new standing order online or over the phone, these are the details you need. Please double check your work, because even one wrong number will result in your money being sent to someone else, not to your parish! For St Mary Crowned, the details are: Account Name - St Mary RC Glossop RCP; Account Number - 00462783; Sort Code - 30-13-32. For All Saints, Account Name - All Saints Glossop RCP; Account Number - 00654151; Sort Code - 30-13-32. Thank you to those people who have set up, or increased, their standing order so that their parish may continue to pay its bills and their church may be able to re-open once conditions permit.

How to receive your weekly Newsletter: Please see below the various ways you can receive the Newsletter:

1. If you would like your Newsletter emailed to you each week, email Liz Nash.
2. Look on the parish website, www.glossopcatholics.org.uk the Newsletter is put there on Saturday afternoon.
3. Some volunteers are delivering copies that they have made after using one of the above methods, so ask someone you know who has computer facilities, or contact Sue Nash.
4. Post some stamped self-addressed envelopes (check you've used the correct stamp!) to Fr Martin (address above) and he will post a copy to you each week.