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5th Easter Sunday Year B

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Today's Gospel

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for

their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Parish News

Grasmere: I am glad to say that work has now started at Grasmere and I am grateful to those who have volunteered to help on this project. I am also grateful to the person who has given their professional gardening advice and financial support.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Church linen Mater Amabilis: we need either one or two people to volunteer to take the church linen once a month (so if two people every other month). This would entail washing and ironing the linen used at Mass and also the altar cloths. The volunteer(s) would also be responsible for changing the main and side altar cloths monthly. Initially it will also be necessary to go through the

current linen to work out which cloths are for which altar.

VOLUNTEER STILL NEEDED

Parish registers: we are still looking for a volunteer to computerise the parish registers. This would involve entering the registers onto the parish computer, or it could be done from home using the parish external hard drive. We would be using Access software, which could be supplied for your home computer if you don't already have it. I would estimate there would be about two hours work per week over a period of time. If the work were to be done in the parish office, all COVID guidelines would be strictly followed.

VOLUNTEER STILL NEEDED

Parish office: we are looking for a volunteer to work in the parish office for about two hours per week, on either a Thursday or a Friday. The work would include assisting with the parish newsletter, general admin duties, and some some inputting of the parish accounts. All tasks would be carried out in a COVID secure way.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS STILL NEEDED

So far, only 2 volunteers have come forward, both for Windermere.

We are looking for more volunteers to act as stewards so that our churches can open for private prayer at set times during the day. The role would entail welcoming people, ensuring they sign in and follow the COVID guidelines, and also opening and locking up the church. Those visiting for private prayer would be responsible for sanitising the seat they have used and anything else they have touched. I would hope to trial this for four weeks on Saturdays, between 10am and 1pm, in both Churches. **However, we may have to leave this until we are able to operate without Stewards, and just look for volunteers to open and close the Churches.**

Booking in for Mass: Just a reminder that if you are now on the permanent list, you only need to notify the booking person if you will not be attending.

Please use southlakesrcbooking@gmail.com

After the Sunday of your absence, you will be automatically returned to the list for the following week

CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped to provide is growing well, and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

Youth Service

CASTLERIGG LOTTERY: There are some flyers in church if you would be interested in this. Please take one home with you. It is just £3 a month to join and the winner takes half the pot each month! www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/lottery

Masses and Intentions

Sat	5:30 pm (W)	Kathleen Wright
Sun	9.30 am (A)	People of the Parishes
Sun	11.15 am (W)	Sean McDermott RIP
Tue	5pm (A)	Those isolating
Wed	9:30am (W)	Constance Hastings RIP
Thurs	5pm (W)	People in distress
Fri	9:30am (W)	Those struggling in life
Sat	5:30 pm (W)	Sick of the Parishes
Sun	9:30 am (A)	People of the parishes
Sun	11:15 am (W)	Breakell Family

Sick: Bernard Hanson, Margaret Simon, Rose Crowe.

Latley Dead: Bernadette McDevitt

Anniversaries: Patrick Kennedy, Eileen Wilson, Bruce Dixon, John Smith, Mary Agnes Wareing, Erica Scott, Thomas Hannson, Sir William Geraghty, Doris Ward (formerly Birkett), Amy Wareing, Arthur Marshall Taylor, William Anthony Lynch, Albert Watson, Mrs Jennings, Clare Haslam, John Coia, Elizabeth Catlow, Margaret Milroy, Helen Blackledge, Rev T Hannon (former P.P.) Rev B. Cochrane, Rev F. Worden, Eric Worrall, Winifred Lowe.

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