



**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE : OUTREACH 7**

**MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Hello everyone: welcome back, as we move into our Fourth week of Easter and 7<sup>th</sup> week of lockdown.**

**LOCKDOWN MESSAGE FROM Fr. TONY**

In this present "Lockdown" do you sometimes feel somewhat **imprisoned**? Especially those of you, who like myself are regarded as especially vulnerable, because of age or health conditions. This made me think of Dr Sheila Cassidy, who writes in her book, "*Audacity To Believe*" about her imprisonment in Chile during the wave of violent repression that followed the Pinochet military coup in the early 1970's. She wrote that her first instinct was to scream out to God for help, "to batter spiritually on the bars of my cage, begging to be released." Then a curious idea came to her. Perhaps it was better "to hold out my empty hands to God, not in supplication but in offering. I would say, not 'Please let me out' but, **'Here I am Lord, take me. I trust you. Do with me what you will. . . .'** In my powerlessness and captivity there remained to me one freedom: I could abandon myself into the hands of God." The effect of this prayer was not an instant transformation in her attitude but a gradual process in which she found the necessary courage and strength to meet the occasion. Could this be our prayer in our present situation? Tony Horan SJ



**Every morning Pope Francis prays for a different group of people who are affected by this global health pandemic because he sees that it is now, not only a critical public health danger but also a "social pandemic". Apart from the fear, the stress, the loneliness, the heart break at not being able to accompany loved ones, ...the economic consequences of layoffs and furloughs are causing financial difficulties, many families are struggling to feed their children, and are being exploited. The Secretary General of the UN, Antonio Guterres, also says that the coronavirus pandemic is becoming a human rights crisis. So, maybe would could pray everyday too:**

**"Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ. Rest the weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for your love's sake. Amen. (St. Augustine)**

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK IN THE PARISH:** Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Win Merricks and Josephine Bua.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** John Flood and Fr. Clarence Gallagher SJ

**AND FOR ALL OUR PARISHONERS WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND HAVE TO SELF ISOLATE:** including Zoe Sunderland.



**SUNDAY May 3<sup>rd</sup> is GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

While most of us have no personal exposure to sheep or shepherds, the biblical imagery is easy enough to understand. The key element is the intimate relationship between the sheep and their shepherd. The sheep know and trust the shepherd. They follow him willingly not because they are stupid, but because they know that he cares



for them, will guide and protect them.

**SHEPHERD**, who has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock because he love us. **ALLELUIA!**

Jesus is the **GOOD**

### **ON SUNDAY THE CHURCH ALSO CELEBRATES THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**

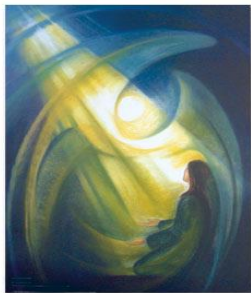
But, as well as praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, let's remember that every single one of us has a vocation. Each one of us is called to follow Christ in our own unique way. All we have to do is: **LISTEN, DISCERN, and LIVE.** Listen: because God often speaks quietly. If we don't listen, God's voice can get drowned out by the distractions of daily life. But we also need to discern what we hear, Where does it come from and where is it leading us? Closer to God? Or away from God? We need to discover what God's call is for us, each one of us. That done, we then have to live the specific vocation that God has for us, every day. Vocation is **TODAY.**



**COUNTDOWN TO PENTECOST: 27 DAYS TO GO.**

**PENTECOST PREPARATION 1:**

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS**



**In the Gospels Jesus and the Holy Spirit are inseparable, from the moment of his existence to his Ascension into Heaven. Jesus becomes incarnate through the action of the Holy Spirit: "The angel said to Mary: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you". And Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. When Jesus began his public life and was baptized in the Jordan by John, something dramatic happened. The heavens opened, the Spirit came upon him and a voice said: "You are my beloved Son. I delight in you". Then, Jesus, was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he clarified his mission and his identity.**

In the power of the Spirit, we are told, Jesus returned to Nazareth, where he went into the synagogue to join the people gathered for worship. After reading to them from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus announced: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor”. From then on, everyone saw and heard the outpouring of that Spirit as Jesus preached, healed and raised the dead. He also delegated that power to the disciples and sent them off to preach and heal too. When they returned full of excitement to tell Jesus all about it, the gospel says that Jesus “jumped for joy in the Holy Spirit”, as he shared their delight. Finally, in the power of the Spirit Jesus went to his passion. Then, the risen Christ, before ascending into heaven, ensured that his followers would be able to continue his mission, so he breathed upon them saying “Receive the Holy Spirit”... to be continued.

**PLEASE JOIN THE SISTERS ONLINE IN MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY.**

**HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** Join us by *Live Stream* from our channel in YouTube (*Handmaids Boscombe*)

**ADORATION**  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (in silence), Daily.  
Guided Adoration on the 21st April 7:30pm-8:30pm\*  
\*text available on [www.aciengland.org](http://www.aciengland.org)

**FAMILY PRAYER TIME**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6pm

**ROSARY**  
Tuesdays and Saturdays in PT,  
Thursdays in ENG 6pm

**SUNDAY READINGS' REFLECTION**  
Available on Saturday at 7pm

**WANT TO CHAT?**  
If you need someone to speak to call us on 0202 430527

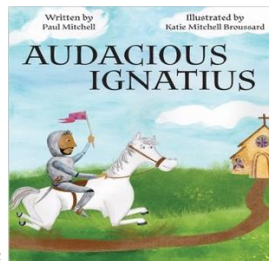
**PRAYER INTENTIONS**  
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**NEW BOOK REVIEW**

This book, intended for the author’s children, is a rhyming narrative, that captivates any reader.

**“A nobleman’s life had Audacious Ignatius.**



**was simply voracious**

**His life about town? Bodacious, Flirtatious.**

**His style of dressing? Just a touch ostentatious.**

**Such was the life of Audacious Ignatius”.**

**A delightful read that tells the story of the Jesuits, their mission and Ignatian spirituality. Finally, it invites us to pray: “God give me a heart just as bold as Ignatius”.**

**FINALLY A BIG THANK YOU**

On behalf of Fr Adrian and the finance committee, our appreciation to parishioners who have sent in cheques or have set up Bank Standing Orders in the last few weeks which helps the parish finance. If anyone would like to set up a Standing Order please see information on Church website or contact [ccparishcentre@gmail.com](mailto:ccparishcentre@gmail.com) or call **07775868253** the finance committee can arrange for paperwork to be forwarded.

Thanks also for donations on Church website Just Given button; we have had £440 donated since we launched this facility. Every little helps.

**AND OF COURSE**



