



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE

OUTREACH 15 JUNE 28th, 2020

HELLO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO OUTREACH THIS WEEK,

OUR CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI, IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
Church open Weekdays 10am to 11.30am and Friday evening 6pm to 7pm for Private Prayer. On Tuesdays : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 11.15am.

Fr HUGH WRITES: If you have ever been to Rome I hope you didn't fail to see one of its most magnificent buildings, the Pantheon, built by the emperor Hadrian (when he wasn't otherwise engaged in building projects in the north of England, long before the recent collapse of the Red Wall). The Pantheon is stunning both inside and out and one object to delight the curious traveller is the tomb of Raphael, one of the greatest artistic geniuses of all time. This year is the five hundredth anniversary of his death and as many celebrations of it as are permitted by Covid are taking place, though one planned by the National Gallery is delayed for a couple of years.

Raphael was an architect as well as a painter and also a kind of minister of public works. You have no doubt seen many of his religious paintings on Christmas cards and elsewhere. He also ran a huge studio supervising other artists. How did he manage to do all this when he died at the tender age of thirty seven? What might he have produced had he lived to a great age?

Does it ever make you wonder about talents, gifts, abilities? Saint Ignatius was once on a sea voyage when it looked certain that the ship was going to go down and he began to prepare himself for death. He realised then that he wasn't worried so much about his sins but about his failure to use to the full all the talents that God had given him. What delight God must take in seeing his sons and daughters explore and develop the gifts that he has given them. They are not to be locked away or wrapped up. There are so many circumstances in life which can impede our full and proper use of what God has given us, and it is by no means always our own fault. We can be sure that God understands that, but he also wants us to try our best to use our gifts to give joy and happiness to others and to give glory and honour to their creator, the supreme artist, God himself.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Barry Henwood, Lourdes Saunders, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley and Mary Atfield  **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Freida Urysz, Annie Cooper; Fr Francis Joseph Laishley SJ and Fr Leo Arnold SJ. 

COMPLICATED APOSTLES: PETER, PAUL AND THOMAS

PETER DENIED JESUS. PAUL PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS. PETER AND PAUL DID NOT GET ON AT ALL. AND, AS FOR THOMAS, HE WENT AWOL AND

DOUBTED THE RESURRECTION. But they were real people, just like us,. And like us, they did not come with sanctity ready-made from heaven.

We celebrate St Peter and St Paul on the same day. But theirs was a BROMANCE that never was. In the few accounts that we have of their relationship, they did not get on very well. Like us, they were both flawed. But they were both passionate followers of Jesus and learned to agree to disagree. They even shook hands on it! They were so different. Peter was a simple fisherman while Paul was a sophisticated urbanite. But together they both followed God's call in their lives: Peter was the Rock on which Jesus founded his Church, while Paul was sent out to take Jesus' message to the gentiles

Peter was not perfect. He stumbled, always getting something wrong. He constantly misunderstood Jesus' teaching and failed Jesus when he was needed most. He was volatile, unstable and unfaithful. Nevertheless Jesus forgave him, loved him and used him in his work. Paul had a dark past - he had vehemently persecuted Christians and carried this stridency into his new life as a follower of Jesus. We see his abrasive personality in some of his letters, which were not always charming or polite. But God used him to bring the message of Jesus from the Jewish people to the entire world.

Thomas was, in fact, one of Jesus' most faithful disciples, determined to be with him even when it became dangerous. But then, Thomas "stayed away"; cut himself off – as we do sometimes. So he missed Jesus when he appeared to the disciples and so Thomas doubted – and we have our doubts too. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus. So do we. But Jesus knew what Thomas needed and met him where he was. Just as Jesus does for us.

These three complicated Apostles were so human, so like us. But we know that Jesus picked them precisely because of their weakness. We too are flawed, we have disagreements, we make mistakes but we know that God uses the weak and the broken to bring about his redemption and his Kingdom. That's why He uses us. It is not so much what we do for God, but what God does in and through us. Like Peter we murmur from our grieving hearts: "Leave me Lord, for I am a sinner", with Paul, overcome by Christ's transforming love we whisper: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me", and with Thomas we kneel to confess: "My Lord and my God".

In a new book the Vatican stresses integral ecology: "Safeguarding Creation is everyone's responsibility".

The Vatican has released a book on integral ecology marking the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si'. The purpose of the new book, "Journeying for the care of the common home", is to relaunch the richness of the contents of the encyclical, which is still relevant today and even more so in the light of a world suffering from the Coronavirus. Hence this new book which sets guidelines for Catholic dioceses, parishes, missions and movements around the globe to create a new civilization. It offers a guide to all Christians on how to maintain a healthy relationship with Creation. The book contains an introduction and two chapters. Chapter I focuses on "Education and Ecology" and emphasizes the need for "integral ecology and spiritual conversion," which can be developed not only in the family but also through the various levels of education from early childhood to university as well as through catechesis. It indicates the importance of dialogue, collaboration and cooperation in the care of our common home

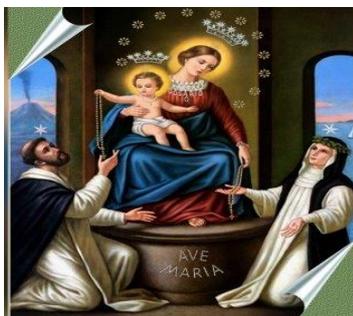


with the other Christian churches and communities as well as the followers of other religions.

Chapter II is devoted to “integral ecology and integral human development” and reiterates the encyclical’s emphasis that “everything is connected.” It touches many of the hot-button and crucial issues of our day: nutrition; water; energy; eco-systems; deforestation; desertification; use of the soil, the seas and oceans; finance; work; justice and public administration; health and climate change. A GOOD READ

As the church is now open for prayer, the Sisters will only continue live streaming Rosary in Portuguese and English and Adoration until June 30th.

NEWS: Three new invocations added to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

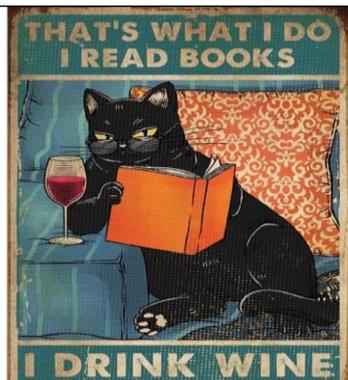


“Mater misericordiae”, the Latin for “Mother of mercy”; “Mater spei”, or “Mother of hope”; and “Solacium migrantium”, or “Solace of migrants” are the new invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto, which is often recited at the end of the Rosary. By including these invocations, the Holy Father wanted to respond to the moment we are living in. These

invocations are not new but they have been put into the Litany now because of the real need that there is in our world today for the assistance of Our Blessed Lady.

CHUCKLES

BEFORE THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES AND AFTER...



NB. Corpus Christi is Live streaming Sunday Mass 9.30am.

FR. ADRIAN BLESSES SR JOANA AT MASS LAST SUNDAY

