



## The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

### THIS WEEK AT THE PRIORY

The Priory is closed from Monday to Saturday

### Pentecost (Whit Sunday) June 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia.** I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
**Alleluia.**

**Hymns: 689**

### For your prayers this week

**Pray for** The Anglican Church in Mexico Abp. Francisco Moreno, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society Bp Norman Banks. St Agatha, Sparkbrook & St Barnabas, Balsall Heath: Fr John Hervé, Fr Robert Warren. St Mark & St Saviour, Saltley: Fr Alan Thompson. All Saints, Small Heath: Fr Oliver Coss, Fr Patrick Gillon. St Cuthbert Castle Vale & St Georges Minworth: Fr James Cope. St Benedict Bordesley: Fr Percil Cadogen.

**Pray for** the continuing ministry of this Priory for Fr. Paul and the Trustees.

**Pray for** the peace of the world.

**Pray for those in need:** the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

**Pray for** those who are sick or in need: Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Helen, Karen, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Gillian, Jenny, Phil, Sheila, Fr Stuart, Fr Huw, Roger, Sandy, Chris, Allan, Lloyd, David, Mary, Michael, Gill, Daniella, Harrison, Melanie and Len.

**Pray for the Departed** Sr Florence, George Brett, Fr. Frederic Willett, Fr. Charles Startup, Fr. Eric Abbott, Sr Mildred of the Divine Charity, Bp. Kenneth Kirk, Sr Jane of the Crucifixion, Mother Adelaide, Fr. Arnold Picton, Fr. Alun Davies,

### Readings for next Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27



In John's Gospel the big idea about Jesus is that the always-mysterious God has actually "sent" Jesus into this world to show that God loves the world and the Apostles as much as God loves Jesus. This God has given Jesus as a gift and has given the Apostles as a gift to Jesus. These Apostles are to see themselves as in Jesus and so as a gift to the world.

This Gospel is addressed to us, and actually the whole of chapters thirteen to seventeen, are all about us. Chapter thirteen opens with Jesus' washing feet and telling us to do the same. The remainder of these chapters intensify the same themes. Jesus does for us what we are instructed to do as revelations of his love. We do it because that is what we are. We are in him, and he is in us and through us, presenting God's glory in this world and in our day.

But the world did not believe that Jesus was sent by God to recreate the world. The religious leaders did not want to believe that he was revealing God's truth to them. Our trying to continue Jesus' recovery of God's Kingdom has not met with popular acclaim throughout history and especially in our modern times.

So perhaps we have to redefine what success really is. I would say that it is fidelity to being who we are in Christ, in doing what we are able without evaluating, measuring and demanding self-validation.

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