



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL
W/C SUN 9TH MAY 2021, SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

"The truth I have now come to realise...
is that God does not have favourites"

ACTS 10:34

During his time on earth, Jesus chose twelve guys to be his friends. They were from all walks of life; not simply the most successful, powerful, or clever! Jesus modelled what true friendship means through his friendship with the disciples. He laughed with them, cried with them, prayed with them, served them, and ultimately laid down his life for them. How confident are we that he would do that for us too? Because that is what he is telling us in this week's Gospel. The disciples realised - God does not have favourites. Each one of us is invited to share in this friendship still today.



"YOU ARE MY FRIENDS"

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

On Thursday this week we remember Jesus' ascension into heaven. After he had been with the disciples for several weeks after his death and resurrection, it was time for him to return to his Father. Of course, we would have loved it if Jesus could have stayed with us on earth forever, but he rules from the heavenly kingdom. It is our job now on earth to make sure that we get there too.

MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-48:
God does not have favourites
Psalm 97:
The Lord has shown his salvation
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10:
Let us love one another
Gospel: John 15:0-17:
You are my friends

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 12th: National Limerick Day
Thursday 13th: Feast of the Ascension
Mental Health Awareness Week

WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died or have anniversaries at this time.



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