

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

### 7th Sunday of Easter (C)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.*

**PSALM:** Ps. 96:1-2.6-7.9.R.vv1.9

**R) The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
the many coastlands be glad.  
His throne is justice and right. (R)

The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.  
All you spirits, worship him. (R)

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. (R)

**SECOND READING:**

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23  
*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. Jn 14:18  
**I will not leave your orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** John 14:23-29

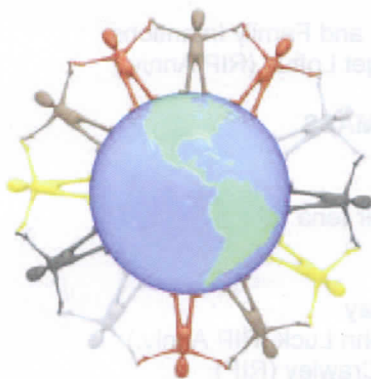
*The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Jn 17:22  
**Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week, Our Lord invited us to accept him as Word and Truth and to live by his words, obey them. By doing so, we would become intimate friends of the Most Holy Trinity: *“We shall come to him (her) and make our home with him (her).”* In today’s Gospel passage he fills out what that intimacy will bring about, comparing its effects among believers with the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *“Father,”* Jesus prays, *“I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one.”* Even in this life, the unity among believers – the *“love with which*

*you (Father) loved me”* – is to be a sign of, a witness to, the truth of the Word. But in this life, such unity and love come at a cost: the struggle with our human weakness in faithfully follow Christ. The suffering and death of Jesus the Word are a suffering and death lived in every age by those who love him. We see it in our own age, in those who ‘let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home’ in them and “bear fruit in plenty”.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**



### *The Social Dimension Of Evangelization*

#### *In union with God, we hear a plea*

190 (Cont'd) It must be reiterated that “the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others”.<sup>155</sup> To speak properly of our own rights, we need to broaden our perspective and to hear the plea of other peoples and other regions than those of our own country. We need to grow in a solidarity which “would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny”,<sup>156</sup> since “every person is called to self-fulfilment”.<sup>157</sup>

<sup>155</sup> Paul VI, Apostolic Letter Octogesima Adveniens (14 May 1971), 23; AAS 63 (1971), 418.

<sup>156</sup> Paul VI, Encyclical Letter Populorum Progressio (26 March 1967), 65; AAS 59 (1967), 289.

<sup>157</sup> Ibid., 15; AAS 59 (1967), 265.

## Day by Day with St Francis\*

### LADY POVERTY

Accordingly Francis, emulator of the likeness of Jesus from the outset of his conversion, applied his every effort to seek out holy Poverty and to follow her totally, ever eager to observe the likeness of Christ. He hesitated before no adversity, feared no menace, shrank from no toil, sought to avoid no physical discomfort, if only he could enjoy the embraces of Lady Poverty.

This inquisitive explorer began his search in the streets and in the squares of the Church, questioning individuals from different states of life on how they loved Gospel poverty. The expression he used seemed obscure, almost uncouth to his listeners. None of them ever heard of it, recoiled from the very mention of it, and practically reviled him for questioning them. ‘May the poverty you seek always be with you, your children and your seed after you.’ They said, ‘We should be allowed to enjoy the good things of life in affluence.’

When Francis heard this from those of a common state, he said, ‘I’ll go to the supreme pontiffs, and speak with them. Surely they have long known the way of the Lord and the judgement of God. These commoners perhaps are unknowing and foolish, ignorant of the paths their own Lord Jesus trod.’ Yet those pontiffs responded more harshly. ‘What,’ they said, ‘is this new teaching we are hearing? Who could exist without temporal possessions? Are you better than our ancestors who gave us temporalities and occupied well-endowed churches? What is this poverty that tells us little? We do not know what you are talking about.’

*Thomas of Celano, The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul*

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These writings by or about Francis of Assisi are from the time of Francis which means that the language is sometimes rather archaic but it reflects the true spirit of Francis.

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2019

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Mary and Family Intentions.
Sunday	9.00am	Bridget Loftus (RIP Anniv.)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11.45am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11.45am	Easter feria
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
(Saturday)	5.30pm	Dr. John Luck (RIP Anniv.)
Sunday	9.00am	John Crawley (RIP)

**Feast Days this week:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Ss. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
5<sup>th</sup> June – St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

**Please remember in your prayers:** Sick; Nigel Clark, Ivor Hopla, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, UnaHewitt, Mary Jones, David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin, Diaane Boba and Lucy Swift.

#### **Please remember in your prayers this week in The Churches Together List the residents of:**

Downedge, Bassett Close, Blackhorse Lane, Wheatlock Mead, Harding Close, Lynsey Close, Cell, Dunstable Road, High View, Park Close, Sursham Court, Cheverells Green, Little Wood End and Roe End Lane.

Please remember in your prayers the children preparing for First Communion, Ayrton, Cian, Ciara, Dominic, Eileen, Ethan, Fabian, Lillie, Michael, Milly, Tilly and Zara, And those preparing for confirmation, Andria, Beth and Issy.

**The Newman Association:** Revd. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas will speak on "Receiving the Gift: Learning from Women in U.K. Churches" on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at St. John Fisher. Everyone is welcome. See poster in the porch.

**The Role of Judaism in Salvation from Abraham:** Roy Schoeman, international speaker, Jewish Catholic, is giving a talk on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm at Our Lady of Christians Parish Hall, Castle Street Luton, LU1 3AG. Everyone is very welcome. See poster in the porch.

**Advance Notice:** Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)  
To book contact Geraldine 07971 028415/ [mgeraldine\\_ward@hotmail.com](mailto:mgeraldine_ward@hotmail.com)

#### **The Parish Website.**

You may or may not be aware that we have a Parish Website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/redbourn/>

This is now being managed and updated on a regular basis by one of our parishioners, Teresa Finnigan.

The site is easily accessible and has the latest newsletters as well as informing you of any up and coming services and events.

If there are any relevant articles, meeting or events that you would like to see on the website then please contact Teresa at [teresafinnigan@hotmail.com](mailto:teresafinnigan@hotmail.com)