

FRANCIS, BISHOP OF ROME, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD. ON MERCY. TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE

12. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

13. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It is a programme of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus's command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf. Lk 6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle. To be continued....

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Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday—Fr. Gregory

Tear this off please:... Are you going into the hospital? Do you have someone going into the hospital? Would you like him/her/you to be visited with communion, please fill the form below and return to Fr. Gregory.

Name:.....Hospital:.....

Date:.....

Please submit all items for the parish bulletin by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday each week.

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**Warm Welcome
to all our Parishioners and visitors.
Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved
into the area, please feel very welcome ... thanks.**

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Parish diary: Week beginning from 12/5/24.

All through the week, Novena to the Holy Spirit, in view of Pentecost.

Saturday 11th May - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's

Sunday 12th May - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth

Sunday 12th May - 11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

Tuesday 14th May - 10.00am: St Matthias. Holy mass at St. Stephen's:

Wed 15th May - 1.00pm Priest's meeting all afternoon.

- 6.00pm adoration, 7pm: Mass for housebound & loved ones/parishioners who are sick. Holy mass at St. Stephen's

Thursday 16th May - 9.30am: mass at St. Luan's;

Friday 17th May - Holy mass at St. Stephen's

Saturday 18th May - 5.30pm: Vigil mass St Stephen's

Sunday 19th May - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's Alyth

Sunday 19th May - 11.00am: Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

This Sunday, ... John 17 contains the inspired record of the High Priestly prayer of Jesus to the Father. In the fifth century, Clement of Alexandria remarked that in this prayer, Jesus was acting as a high priest on behalf of His people.

In one sense, this prayer is the longest and one of many prayers of our Lord. Jesus is often found in prayer in the New Testament. He was in prayer at His baptism, when the Holy Spirit came upon Him (Luke 3:21). He was in prayer when He was transfigured before His three disciples (Luke 9:29). Jesus taught His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4). He prayed to bless the little children (Matthew 19:13), and He prayed that Peter's faith might not fail (Luke 22:32). Often in the Gospels, we read of our Lord's private prayers, prayers which are not recorded for us to read and to reflect upon (Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18).

Mass intentions for the week:

Mary Mackenzie, Leanne Carr.

Lower Hall after the 11.00am mass every Sunday to May 2024. Please feel free to pop in. More volunteers to help with serving please. Thanks.

Other Devotional Programmes of the Parish.

Family Rosary and adoration. Every Wednesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm. -Mass for the sick every Wed 7.00pm, -Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.00pm every Saturday and 9am every Sunday, -Divine Mercy Devotion: Tues after morning mass. -Mass with St. Stephen's Primary School: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.

In your prayers, kindly remember those on our prayer list:

Michael Rolls, Neil Mcdowall, Pam McKenna, Val Naughton, Dr. Paul Kinnear, Mary and George Flockhart, Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Alex Forrester, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Roy Sweeney, Diana Richardson, —

You are never alone:

For a shared a prayer, or just have someone listen to you, a candle lit for you or yours, have a mass offered for your intention or that of a loved one living or dead, please speak to the priest. Thanks.

Warm Welcome:

Tea/Coffee, biscuits and a warm welcoming space in the

Take time today to contemplate ...

In John 17, also known as the High Priestly Prayer, Jesus offers a heartfelt intercession to God the Father. Let's explore the key themes and content of this powerful prayer:

1 Jesus Prays for Himself (Verses 1-5):

-Jesus acknowledges His divine mission and the glory of the Father.

-He speaks of His authority over all humanity and His role in offering eternal life, bringing glory to the Father through His mission.

2. Jesus Prays for His Disciples (Verses 6-19):

-Jesus shifts His prayer to His disciples, praying for their protection, unity, joy, and sanctification.

-He affirms that He has revealed God to them and prays for their safety in the world after His departure.

3. Jesus Prays for All Believers (Verses 20-26):

-Finally, Jesus prays for all those who will come to believe in Him through the disciples' message.

