

The joy that Jesus promises is the joy that we find in the type of love which is his. This is the deepest desire of the human heart: Jesus gives meaning to all our hopes for loving and being loved in our lives with others.



The love affair of God and God's people fill the mind and heart of Jesus in the gospels after the resurrection. The motivation for all his meetings with the apostles and disciples after the resurrection was to love them in an active way – consoling them, forgiving them, teaching them and assuring them of his

presence always.

It is easier to 'see' this love of Jesus in his death and resurrection. It is easier to 'see' this love than to see the love of the Father. Jesus' words now engage us in love – that the love we find in him is the same love he shares with his Father.

That is for the apostles and for us. He asks us to look no further than ourselves to know the love of God; it is 'marked' on us like a tattoo – engraved on the palm of his hand, as God says 'I have carved you on the palm of my hand'. Carving would be painful, and the love of God for us can cause God pain in whatever way we can understand his pain at our unfaithfulness, our injustices and violence in the world and the sin of the world. No matter how deep the sin, the love of God is deeper. That's why Jesus lived his life and mission the way he did: that love conquers all. That was behind his mission of consolation after the first Easter.

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked telling people that God's Name is Love. Whenever there is love, that is a sign of God's Spirit. God's Love is like the sunshine...for everybody and everywhere, like the breath we take. That is why we respect other people, especially people who are in pain or hungry. We try to be friends because God tells us that we are special friends of God. We show friendship when we put others first, when we are shopping, cycling, playing games.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying
the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.



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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied

Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. or Alleluia

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John
My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I 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.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm
Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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9 May 2021 Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sympathies: Sympathies to the family of Chrissey Hickey, Brookfields, and Tommy Condon, Drumline who died this week. To the Flynn family on the death of Mickey Flynn, Milltown Malbay.

Anniversaries: John Winiford, Gerry McGarry, Margaret Dwyer, Lucy O'Brien, Jean Murphy, Helen Griffin, Margaret Madigan, Bea O'Shea.



Resumption of Public Masses:

From Monday May 10th public Masses will resume in the parish and the schedule of Masses will remain in place up to the end of June.

Daily Masses

Mary Immaculate Church (Monday to Friday)

10am in Mary Immaculate Church. St Anthony's Novena Mass on Tuesday morning. In the event of a funeral in Mary Immaculate Church, Mass time may change.

SS John and Paul Church

7pm on Thursday. In the event of a funeral in SS John and Paul Church, the morning Mass in Mary Immaculate Church will be celebrated.

Sunday Masses

SS John and Paul Church

Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10am and 12.15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday at 12noon, Sunday at 9am and 11am

The wearing of face coverings/masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. We encourage you to return to public Mass. Our stewards will be there to assist you.



Baptisms: Please call the parish office to book the baptism of your child and complete the registration form at 363243. Parish Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.



Killaloe Diocesan Youth Ministry: A blessing for all young people will be available and can be viewed on www.killaloediocese.ie on Sunday May 9th at 12noon. Do pass around the word of this lovely event.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in both Church's after Sunday Masses on the Sunday's of the month of May, the month of Our Lady. Exposition will conclude at 6pm. You are welcome to visit the Church and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Safeguarding Month of May:

With the good news that our churches are set to open, safeguarding checks within the parish will take place to ensure and maintain a safe environments. We welcome people back and offer our continued reassurance of our commitment to safeguarding in the parish and Diocese.



'SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY'. To safeguard those most vulnerable, we all have a part to play. If we have a concern for the safety / wellbeing of anybody, we must report this to the appropriate authority, whether that be, Gardai, HSE, Tusla, GP, Church Authority. The Diocesan Designated Liaison persons, are not only available to you for church related concerns, but can offer you advice on how to report any concerns in the wider context. Their details are; DLP, Cleo Yates-087 3553024, Deputy DLP Joe Searson 085 2535326

Support Our Parish

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish. We are now delighted to offer you the opportunity to donate to your parish using this QR code which is placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



Play Your Part!

Bishop Fintan wrote a short Easter pastoral letter and in it posed some questions for us to consider for the future. We encourage you to read the letter on www.killaloediocese.ie and the following are the questions he asks you to consider, and give your feedback to the diocese office@killaloediocese.ie or office@shannonparish.ie

- How has Covid-19 affected my personal faith?
- Has my view of Church changed as a result of the pandemic?
- Do I want to return to the way things were before Covid-19 struck?
- Am I open to accepting a new model of Church?
- Will I participate in planning for the future?
- Shouldn't we also be exploring and developing other new forms of practice, online gatherings as an example, the online apostolate?
- How do we reenergise those who have fallen out of the habit of engaging with Church over the past year?
- Can we reach out to people outside our Church, people who have become disaffected or hurt by Church, recent scandals, reports of one type or another, marginalised groups?