



Saint Bernadette's Church
24th May – 30th May
Seventh Week of Easter (A)

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Easter 2020 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Reflection: Acts 1:12-14

There is a sort of dazed feeling about this reading, a sort of suspended animation. Jesus has left his disciples, telling them just to go back into the city and wait for the coming of the Spirit. It was a definitive parting, described in the terms of the prophet Elijah going up to heaven in a fiery chariot, leaving his cloak to Elisha as a guarantee of his continued presence and influence. But by contrast Jesus left his disciples nothing, not even a cloak, and they can only wait in a sort of limbo of hope, surely puzzling what on earth could be this promised coming of the Spirit. In the gospels, especially that of Matthew, the Risen Christ had told them to go out and proclaim the Good News to all people, but here they are left without any further instructions and obviously nonplussed about how to do this. From time to time we find ourselves in the same situation, not knowing how we should proceed, even if we are searching and determined to do the will of God. We can only wait, perhaps with the comfort of the company of others who cannot see their way forward, until the Lord sends his Spirit to direct us and make clear the way forward. **(HW)**

From Canon Geoffrey

To all Parishioners. I do hope you are all keeping well and safe. Please continue to remember in your daily prayers those who are working hard to keep us all safe and I think you would all agree with me that this is a lot of people to pray for and give thanks to God for! We have had some beautiful weather this week, and I hope that you have been able to get some fresh air, even if it is only from sitting in the garden.

Fr Liam and I continue to celebrate mass each day, and I endeavour to "broadcast" via St Bernadette's Facebook page! Usually Mass on weekdays and Saturdays is at 9.00am and Sundays at 11.00am. Please join us if you can.

In the meantime, please keep safe and well and do continue to support each other through prayers and support.

With every blessing to you all
 Canon Geoffrey & Fr Liam

Bank account details for the parishes

St Bernadette's Scunthorpe RCP	Holy Souls' Scunthorpe RCP
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Sort Code 30-97-44	Sort Code 30-97-44
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Lockdown – Brother Richard Hendrick Ofm Cap (Abridged – GH)

Yes, there is fear.
Yes, there is isolation.
Yes, there is panic buying.
Yes, there is sickness.
Yes, there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes

But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other

across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland

Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number

through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So, we pray, and we remember that

Yes, there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes, there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes, there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes, there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes, there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square, Sing.

Live Streaming of Masses and Devotions in the Nottingham Diocese

For details visit the St Bernadette's website at :

<https://www.stbernadettesashby.org/livesstreamingofmasses>

For details of daily live streaming of masses by Canon Geoffrey and Fr Liam visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesashby/>

Monday – Saturday 9:00am

Sunday 11:00am



Garofalo: *Ascension of Christ* 1510-20

Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, Rome

Acts 1:8-11



The Journey Through
Art & Scripture

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament,

I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul,

Since I now cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart,

I embrace you and unite myself to you; Permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.