

Holy Family Little Church

JESUS SAYS:



"I AM THE WAY."

How can you walk in Jesus' way?
Draw a picture of you doing something he wants.



DEAR JESUS

SHOW US YOUR WAY.

HELP US TO WALK WITH

YOU ALWAYS

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Weekday Mass: Mon & Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

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Be still and know that I am God

In St John's gospel, Jesus used the words "I AM" in seven declarations about Himself. In all seven, He combines I AM with tremendous metaphors. They are: I AM the Bread of Life (John 6); I AM the Light of the World (John 8:12); I AM the Gate of the Sheepfold (John 10:7, 9); I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14); I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25); I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6); and I AM the True Vine (John 15:1, 5).

The words "I AM" drew Jesus' first-century Jewish audience back to a pivotal point in biblical history. God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and sent him to Egypt to lead the people of Israel to freedom. Moses worried that the people would want to know who had sent him and so he asked God what his name was. God answered, "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God's covenant name with Israel was "I AM" Now, hundreds of years later, the same words come from the lips of Jesus. He is claiming to be no one less than the Lord God. The same God who spoke to Moses now speaks again.

Seven is the symbolic number of wholeness and perfection. St Augustine reminds us that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. That restlessness comes from a sense of being incomplete which arises when we have looked in the wrong places for nourishment, enlightenment, direction, leadership, life, community and truth. We may even claim to be the sole custodians of the answers to all questions about these aspects of our lives.

Whenever we reflect on the 'I AM' statements of Jesus we are being invited to rest in His presence, to experience true wholeness, to know what he means when he says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." A suggested practice is to pray the following well-known words in the following way, slowly and giving time and space to each 'line'.

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2017 Eucharistic Prayer: 2

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 13th May 2017

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Joseph, David & Lora Noon	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Bridget Rogers For our parish	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> First holy Communion
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	James McDermott	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Vera Swann	
Wed 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	First holy Communion children	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Jean Clarkson	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Gabrielle Mills	Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Riley & Rawcliffe families	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Marie Garlington M & I Rome	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 71. Offertory: £180.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Rose Healy, Hilda Doreen Myerscough, Alan Southworth, M & I Rome.

Monday Surgery

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church on Monday evening from 5.30-6.30pm for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc.

Plant & Flowers Sale!

All through May - after Sunday Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Johnson, Eveline Eccles, Malaya, Ray Mannion, John Miller, Claire, Rhoda Case, Bill York;

those who have died recently: Tony Farnworth, Joseph Banks;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ted Kellett, John Gornall, Molly Pask, Claud Parker, Amelia Worden, Bill Morgan, May McGiven, Margaret Gillow, Mrs Cartmell, Alf Stott, Harold Moore, Walter Titley, Pauline Lester, Sarah Ann McGill, Doris Collins, Florence Dickinson, John Atkinson.

Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Michael will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th June at 6.30pm. **Please note:** there will be a briefing Session for parents and young people on Thursday 11th May. Preparation will be concentrated on one day - 20th May, from 10am-5.30pm. Applications forms are at the back of Church.

Lourdes by coach

From 20th-29th July 2017. 10 days no overnight travel, 4* Hotel Paradis Lourdes, £600. Details from Ged Conroy on 728071 or e-mail info@northernstartravel.com

Young People—Lourdes Pilgrimage

'A great week of faith, service, fun and friendship'. 19th-29th July. Details in the porch or on www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

First Holy Communion Day—18th June

We're delighted to have 19 children and two adults making their first holy Communion this year. We're not quite sure yet how to get them and their families into church for the celebration. These days families usually want to go out for a meal together so the tradition of 'first Communion breakfast' has gone by the wayside. We will have a bar-becue or something similar on the following Sunday—25th June.

Friendship Group

The next monthly meeting will be this Tuesday at 2pm in St Anthonys Presbytery.

'March for Life'

Come and join us in supporting unborn babies by peaceful witness to the tragedy of 50 years of legal abortion at the March for Life in Birmingham, Sat 20th May 2017. We are taking a coach from Preston (St Walburge's) to Birmingham (St Chad's Cathedral) leaving St Walburge's at 9am. Same cost as last year, waged £15, unwaged £10, (all children free). Mass at 8am at St Walburge's before the coach departs.

Caring for Carers

Are you caring for someone? Have you recently been a carer for someone? You are invited to a mini-retreat morning on Thursday 18 May from 10.30am -12.30/1pm at Tabor Retreat Centre, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 8HE. Ring us if you would like to attend. Tel: 01772 723568.(Cathy York.

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

These items are the most needed at the moment:

** Noodles	* jams	* red sauces (small)
* coffee sachets (2 in 1)	* SARDINES	* drinking chocolate sachets
* instant desserts	* TINNED RAVIOLI	* tinned rice
* juices for lunch boxes - or squash to dilute		

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

1Peter 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

John 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.