

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2020



Readings for this week:

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 17:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Languages

The common vernacular in the time of Our Lord Jesus and the Apostles in Galilee and Judea was Aramaic. Therefore, his teaching "Our Father" and the words at the Last Supper would have been in Aramaic. However they were recorded in the Gospel in Greek. Our first extant Eucharistic Prayer was in Greek. While liturgies were mostly oral there was a mixture of languages. But as it became written the Liturgy adopted Greek as it was the formal language of public life. As Christianity spread to Asia Minor and along the Nile local languages were used. By the third century the Roman empire used Latin except in Rome because of its conservative nature, it took another 100 years before Rome accepted Latin in the Liturgy.

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Looking at the Readings

The first half of today's Gospel excites our imagination, warms our hearts and draws us closer to Christ and his Apostle. It has become a very popular Gospel for celebrating funerals. We imagine that enormous mansion of heaven with many wonderful rooms and plenty of room for everyone. Even us! Our hearts are warmed with Jesus words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... trust in me." He is thinking of us on the eve of his death. We identify with Thomas and the other Apostles who are somewhat at loss but seeking the right path. This reading is for our family and us.

Life and Death pose many questions. In today's readings we find assurance that faith increases, despite ourselves, we are God's holy people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood that may offer prayer and sacrifice. Jesus invites us into the life of the Trinity.

Good Idea for the Week

Send a Cheerio Email: I have received these from schoolchildren: "Have you been going for walks?" ~ "I hope you're having a good day." ~ "I have been going for walks and doing art at home and chalk on the footpath." ~ "How are you going? I'm going wonderful." ~ "I hope you are staying safe and healthy." ~ "I miss when we go to church." Just one or two lines to friends, colleagues, children, adults, anyone helps!

Pope Francis' Prayer

At the start of Mass last Tuesday, Pope Francis prayed for the victims of the novel coronavirus: "Today we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone, without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord welcome them in His glory."

Quotes for the Week

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. *Marie Curie*

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death. *Leonardo da Vinci*

On the Lighter Side



What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
A river.

What can you hold in your left hand and not in your right?
Your right elbow.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kathleen Woodman, Felice Carrafa
	Our sick and their carers	Fr Ted Harte, Cecilia Bannan

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HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION?

How can I understand and interpret the word of God?

What does it mean for me today?

What does my Catholic Faith say about how to understand the Bible?

These are all important questions we need to ask ourselves as we listen to, read and seek to understand the revealed word.

In our Catholic Faith scripture and tradition are both equally important (one source) in understanding God's revelation of the divine self to us.

In these talks Fr Brian considers the difference between the literalist meaning and the literal sense of scripture.

He looks at a number of examples from the bible to give us the skills for understanding and interpreting the word of God, according to our Catholic tradition.

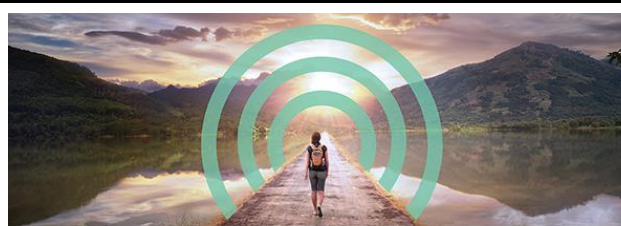
Part 1: **The Canon of Sacred Scripture**

Part 2: **Vatican II on Inspiration**

Part 3: **Spiritual and Literal Sense**

You are now able to access videos of three talks on Scripture in the Catholic Tradition given by Fr Brian Boyle in March 2020 at the Sandhurst Diocese website and Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCspalz5eJB47CWuu46kvRqgw>



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

This week on the Journey (Ep 353)

This week on the Journey, Mothers' Day and Fr Mike Delaney says Jesus' words in the Gospel are also the words of mothers to their children; do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God & trust in me. Plus, all your favourites and great music! And it doesn't stop there! Have a listen and let us know what you think!

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