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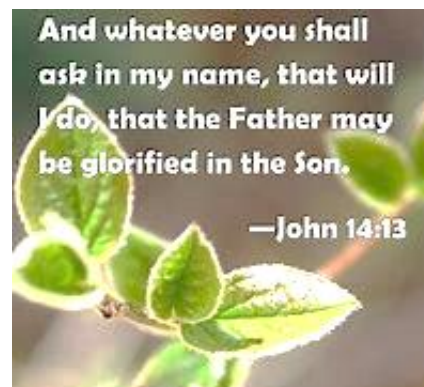
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“Ask in My Name.” In the Gospel Reading, Christ says the Father will give you anything you ask for, if you will just ask for it in Christ’s name. But what is it to ask for something in Christ’s name? It can’t be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. “I would like a Porsche, please, in the name of Christ.” Prayer isn’t magic. It isn’t a matter of merely using the right formula to make God bow to our demands.



Think of those everyday experiences when a person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss’s name: “I’m just here to pick up the mail for my boss!” A child can ask a neighbour for a cup of sugar in his mother’s name: “Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar.”

In these cases, the person asking identifies themselves in the context of a relationship with that other: my boss, my mother. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation —binds the two of them together. To ask in Christ’s name is like this. We ask in the name of Christ when we are in relationship with him. And it is a relationship where Christ is our Lord and friend, but not the bestower of favours.

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are his in answer to their prayers. Therefore, if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what your Lord wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn’t in accord with yours. To ask the Father in Christ’s name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask. *Eleonore Stump*



Let us ask ourselves: what is this love in which Jesus tells us to abide to have his joy? What is this love? It is the love that originates in the Father, because “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). This love of God, of the Father, flows like a river in his Son Jesus and through him comes to us, his creatures. Indeed, he says: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.” (Jn 15:9) The love Jesus gives us is the same with which the Father loves him: pure unconditional love, freely given love. It cannot be bought, it is free. By giving it to us, Jesus treats us like friends—with this love, letting us know the Father; and he involves us in his same mission for the life of the world. Pope Francis



Holy Communion Candidates

*Lord Jesus, come to me,
 Lord Jesus, give me your love.
 Lord Jesus, friend of children,
 come to me.
 Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*

We have entered the season of First Holy Communion. Saint Augustine’s children kick us off next Saturday morning 11 May. Children from non-parish primary schools join us at the 11 am Sunday Mass next weekend 12 May. Then the children from Our Lady’s celebrate on Saturday 18 May. Do please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK

– Our very own Nicola Chiappa having already completed the London Marathon is now preparing for its Edinburgh equivalent, in memory of a friend from that great city. We will be holding a

Coffee Morning on Friday 24 May 10.30 and hope that many of you will come along and show your support. We would also be grateful for any raffle prizes that you would be willing to donate.



Parish School of Prayer

- **Christian Life Community (CLC)** we will be holding a brief follow up to the meeting held recently following the 7 pm Mass on Ascension Thursday. Anyone interested in coming along is very welcome.
- **Warrington Prayer Group** – we have been asked to play host to this longstanding prayer group which already has some parishioners among its members. They hold their meetings on Monday evenings at 7-8 with the first being held on Monday 20 May.
- **Introduction to Catholic Spirituality** – Thursday 23 May 7.30 pm. This will be the first of a series of occasional sessions that will look at a variety of topics. The first meeting as it says will be an introduction and will also give some suggestions about future topics.

Ascension

Malcolm Guite

*Once you have tasted the sky,
you shall for ever look up.*

Leonardo da Vinci



We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

4 – 5 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - PAGE 266

Sat 4 May	5.30 pm	Arthur Trantum RIP
Sunday 5 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Liam O'Callaghan RIP Josie Hall RIP
Mon 6 May	10.00 am	Liturgy of Word & Communion (Tea & Toast)
Tue 7 May		No Services Today
Wed 8 May		No Services Today

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Thursday 9 May	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Parish Intentions Mones Family Intentions RIP
Friday 10 May	10.00 am	Stuart Watkins RIP
Sat 11 May	10.00 am	St Augustine's First Holy Communion

11 – 12 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- PAGE 273

Sat 11 May	5.30 pm	Intentions of the Lundin Family
Sunday 12 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Parish Intentions Bridget Agnes Barry RIP (Anniv)



KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: For **Lynda Lawton** and **Evelyn Joan Cottam** who died recently and those requesting our prayers including *Barry Bennett, John & Marie Clowes, Harry Challoner, Margaret Daintith, Harold Entwistle, Mary Finn, Tony Graham, Rita Hutson, Barbara Lynskey, Rita Mahon, Kathleen Mannion, Roger Maxwell, Gerard Moulding, Marcos Sala, Vaughan Stone, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Gordon Whittaker, & Carol Worsley.*



Teas and Coffees will be served by **Team B** after this Saturday's Mass and also after the Sunday Masses on the **19th May**.



Our thanks to Fr Tony Myers who joins us this weekend while Fr Peter visits Caldey Island for a short retreat.