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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, 2/3 May, 2026. Year A.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6pm. Northallerton
 Sunday 9.15am. Northallerton
 11am. Aiskew

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 10am Northallerton
 Wednesday 10am Aiskew
Thursday No Mass today
 Friday 10am Northallerton

Readings

Acts 6 : 1-7
 Psalm 33 : 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
 1 Peter 2 : 4-9
 John 14 : 1-12



Response to the Psalm

May your merciful love be upon us, as we
 hope in you, O Lord.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
 the Lord. No-one comes to the Father ex-
 cept through me. Alleluia

This week

Monday, THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Feast
 Thursday, St John of Beverley, 2nd patron of the Diocese

Mass Intentions

Sunday 9.15am. Terry Fearn, R.I.P. (11th anniversary)
 Tuesday 10am. Brendan Lagan, R.I.P. (1st anniversary)

Next weekend

Sunday 10 May, 9.15am Bill & Josie Walsh, R.I.P. (anniversaries)

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church

Rota for Welcome on arrival at Church

Saturday and Sunday Masses

A rota for May

is in now in the church porch, and it is very important
 that people are greeted on arrival at Mass.

Please sign if you can be involved.

With many thanks to all who have helped so far.

Prayer of the Church

Tuesday and Friday,

9.40 am. before Mass. All very welcome.

This time of prayer unites us with the
 Church worldwide.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Retiring collection this weekend
to support the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Due to the recent increase in the cost of jet fuel, the
 airline operating the pilgrimage flights has said that
 each pilgrim will have to pay an additional charge.
 Many have already made significant sacrifices in
 order to participate .

Your support and generosity is much appreciated, and
 will allow many pilgrims to continue their
 preparations without additional financial worries.

Thank you .

*May God bless you and your family,
 today and always.
 Father Michael and Deacon Paul.*



Tea/coffee is available
 after the Sunday Masses in both of
 our churches. All are invited.

With very many thanks to all the helpers who
 make this social occasion possible.

A rota for May and June is in the Sacred Heart
 church porch - please sign if you are able to
 help. Thank you.



SS Mary & Joseph

Tea/coffee is available

this Wednesday, 6 May,

10.30am, after the 10am Mass.

All are very welcome to this social occasion.

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

SS Mary & Joseph : £132.50

Sacred Heart : £170.95

With many thanks for your support

Preparation

First Holy Communion

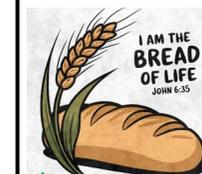
A reminder that there is a meeting

this Wednesday, 3.15 - 4pm

at Sacred Heart Primary School.

An essential part of the commitment is for
 children to attend the weekend Mass.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be
 celebrated in church on**



Sunday 7 June

and

Sunday 14 June.

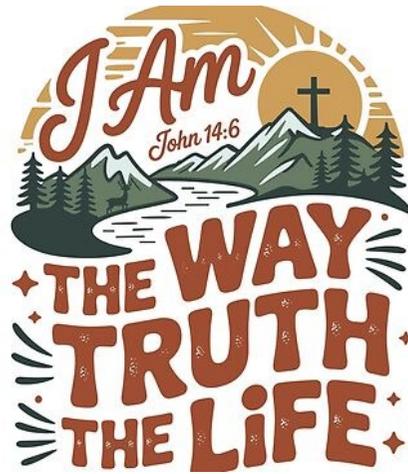
We all have our routines, but there are times when something happens which throws our routines into question and causes us to pause. It could be the sudden death of someone close to us, and things we took for granted now look different from before

An experience of profound loss always makes us question our direction in life and in today's Gospel John show us that it was no different

for the disciples. Jesus gives his final discourse before leaving his close followers for the last time. He tells them not to be afraid, for he is going to prepare a place for them and will return to take them with him. It is Thomas who voices their problems - what direction are they going to take in the absence of Jesus ? What is to be their way ?

In reply, Jesus does not give them a handbook of theology that will answer all their questions about God. Nor does he hand them a book detailing every law , with an index classifying ever sin. There are no maps into the future with specific routes clearly arrowed. Instead, he points to himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the gateway to God, the access to the Father.

Jesus is the Way by which we travel to the fullness of God. He does not say 'I have a way' abut I *am* the Way.' Only when we are united with him can we reach the Father, because he and the Father are one. We are not speaking about the unknown gods of the Greeks or the invisible God of the Jews. We are speaking about the God who has made himself known in the person of Jesus



of Nazareth. Jesus is the face of God, the word of God. If you want to journey to God, journey with and through Jesus.

Jesus is the Truth. He not only speaks the truth but the fullness of truth is to be found in him. The truth is not some abstract system of thought but is embodied in the particular person of Jesus. The truth is not a theory ; it is a person. Jesus is the truth about God just as he is also the truth about humanity. The one who walked the roads of

Palestine and ate with sinners is God's gift of his true self to us. If we want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

Jesus is the Life. And our very life is his gift. That is why we regard life as sacred from its beginning to its end. Life is not just an accident of fate but a unique example of God's gift. The Gospel clothes us with a unique dignity. Yes, Jesus is the Life, and we all have our life in him.

The Way ahead. This should give us some direction. The disciples learn soon after Jesus leaves them that they don't have ready answers to everything. As we learn from the early divisions in the community, they all had to work together to find the way forward. There are many things Jesus did not tell them ; they have to face the future, looking to his example. Together. Jesus trusts his followers down the ages to face the confusion and complexity of the world. He doesn't leave answers to everything. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, we are asked to put our faith to work.

Denis McBride

"Seasons of the Word"

Jubilee Celebrations

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, 1986-2026

Commissioned artwork & live music

Wednesday 6 May, 7pm.

Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Marcus

Friday 15 May, 7pm.

An Evening of music and praise

Saturday 16 May, 7.30pm.

The Dedication of the Cathedral

The film from 1986

Tuesday 19 May, 7pm.

See in Sacred Heart porch for more details

Thank you!

A message from "Friends of the Holy Land" -

"We would like to thank all parishioners for the **£450 raised in the soup lunches** for Christians in the Holy Land at a time when they are most vulnerable. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

By supporting us, your parish is part of a community of Christians united in support of Christians in the birthplace of our faith, helping them to remain and thrive."

*Christ has no body now on earth, but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which
his compassion looks out on the world;
yours are the feet with which he can go
about doing good;
yours are the hands with which he can bless.*

St Teresa of Avila, 1515 - 1582