

# To the Heights

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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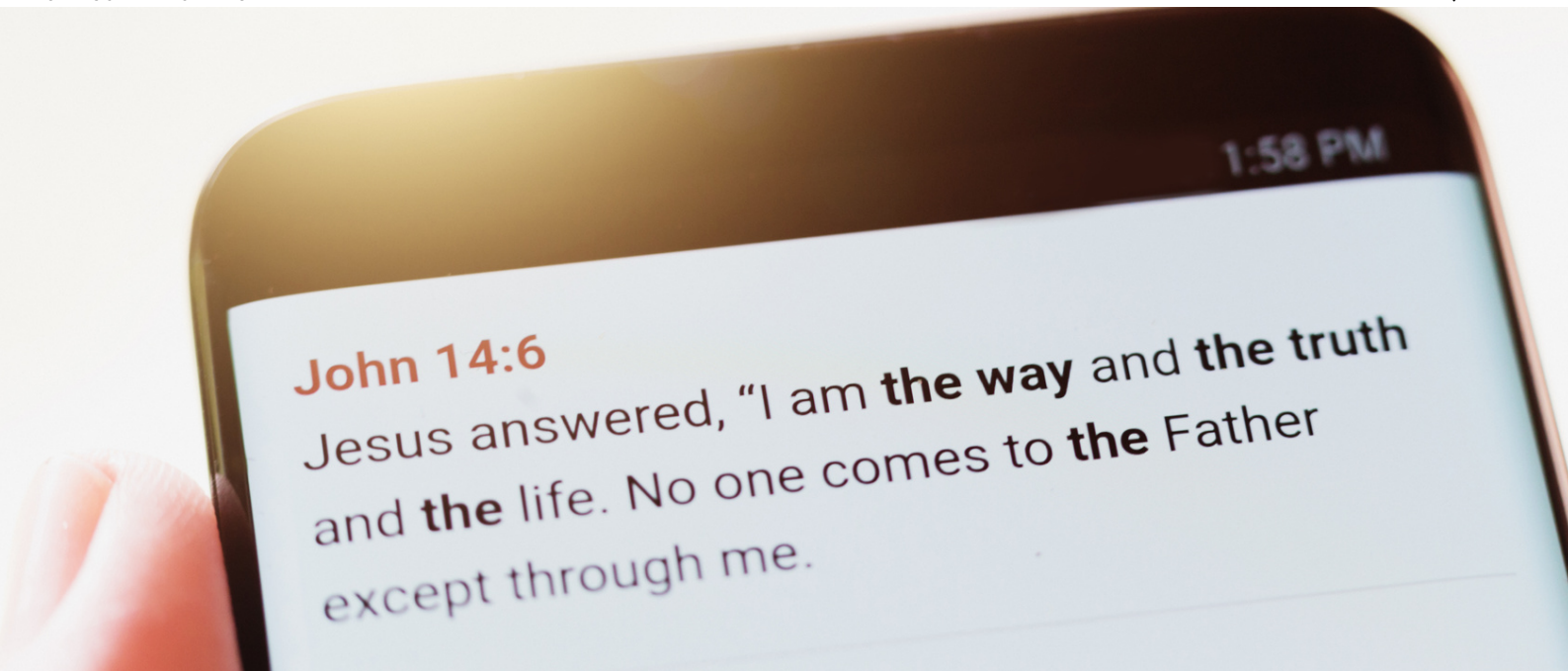


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## Year A



**Hear** Click the Bible image for this week's readings if you don't have a Bible handy!

## Sunday Mass Readings

**First Reading:**  
Acts 6:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

**Second Reading:**  
1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:**  
John 14:1-12



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## Scripture quote:

*'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'*

## Reflect



1. Why did Jesus tell his disciples that their hearts should not be troubled?
2. Explain the image of the Father's house that Jesus uses.
3. Finish the quote: "I am the Way,....."
4. If the disciples know Jesus, who else do they know?
5. How does Jesus explain His unity with the Father?
6. What promise does Jesus make to those who believe in Him?

## Game Changers

**The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!**



10 May St John of Avila

12 May St Pancras

13 May Our Lady of Fatima

# CHECK IT OUT: "Take the Risk for Christ" YEAR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Have you ever thought that the Lord might be calling you to be a priest? **Five priests from around Ireland share how they followed their vocation to the Diocesan priesthood, explaining what a priest is and his sublime mission in the world.** This video was made at the request of the National Vocations Office, an office within the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, in honour of the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood held from April 30, 2023 - April 21, 2024. The theme for the year is "Take the Risk for Christ."



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**HEAR AND RESPOND**

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## TUNE OF THE WEEK

The Way (New Horizons)

Pat Barrett

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

*This week, take some time to really consider what it is that you believe about Jesus Christ. Maybe it would help to write your ideas down. Do your beliefs about Jesus match what the Catholic Church teaches? Spend time in prayer asking Jesus to reveal Himself to you, as he is, not as you imagine Him to be.*

Check out some basic beliefs here: <https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus/webelieve.php>

Fr Mike Schmitz: What is Real Truth?



## Young Person's Prayer



*Lord, grant that I may always pursue the Truth, and settle for nothing less, knowing that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen*



## WHAT'S ON

**Encounter** (for young adults aged 18-35): St John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford 12th May @8pm. Music, Talk, Adoration, Fellowship!

**Meditating with Mary in the month of May:** 3 week Visio Divina series with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tues @ Sacred Heart, The Folly - (9th - 23rd May) following 10am Mass. | Thurs @ St John's, Parnell St. - (11th - 25th May) following the 9:30 Mass | Thurs @ Sts. Joseph & Benildus (4th - 18th of May) 7pm. €5 to cover materials. Queries: Sr. Kathryn [waterford@ascjus.org](mailto:waterford@ascjus.org) 087 404 2784

**Catholic Mother's Association Retreat Day:** Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Saturday May 13th. €45. More info on [www.holyfamilymission.ie/events](http://www.holyfamilymission.ie/events)

**Family Day:** Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Sunday 14th May, 10am - 3pm. Bring a packed lunch! Booking is essential: email [info@holyfamilymission.ie](mailto:info@holyfamilymission.ie)

**World Youth Day:** The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is inviting young people from the diocese aged 18 - 35 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day, 31 July - 8 August 2023. €895. Join over a million young people from all over the world for an unforgettable experience! Zoom Info Session: Thurs 18th May at 7.30pm, Meeting ID 840 9562 5229 | Passcode WYD23 More info on [www.waterfordlismore.ie/pilgrimages](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/pilgrimages)

## Puzzle



## FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

believe  
evidence  
Father  
greater works  
hearts  
house  
Jesus  
many rooms  
Philip  
place  
prepare  
satisfied  
seen  
the Life  
the Truth  
the Way  
Thomas  
troubled

R	E	H	T	A	F	S	M	S	G	L	G	P	L	K	P	S
J	B	Y	W	F	Z	A	U	R	O	N	A	R	C	L	D	T
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J	U	A	M	D	Y	J	S	N	D	Q	H	P	S	L	B	Y

Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!





TRUE

FALSE

CHECK OUT WHAT  
CATECHISM OF THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SAYS ABOUT TRUTH  
CCC 159

## PHILOSOPHY 101: TRUTH

"Where I found truth,  
there found I my God,  
who is the truth itself."  
St Augustine

LIST 2 THINGS YOU BELIEVE PASSIONATELY (E.G. ABOUT SPORTING TEAMS / MUSIC / FOOD ...)

WHAT DO YOU DISAGREE WITH YOUR FRIENDS MOST ABOUT?

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ, "WHAT IS REAL TRUTH?"  
AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW

What is the big question, the first question which needs to be asked by any philosopher or someone who wants to grow in knowledge? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Fr Mike's simple definition of Truth? \_\_\_\_\_

A statement can be true or false to the degree it conforms to \_\_\_\_\_.

Having "my truth" and "your truth" are examples of s\_\_\_\_\_ truth.

Give 3 examples of a subjective truth  
(you don't have to use ones from the video).

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SUBJECTIVE Truth is about the \_\_\_\_\_ (the one speaking). It is telling you something about the person speaking, but not something outside of them.

What kind of problems does having subjective truth only lead to?

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O\_\_\_\_\_ truth is about the object and is typically independent of the subject.

A statement is objectively true or false regardless of whether I \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ it or \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Give 2 examples of a objective truth (you don't have to use ones from the video).

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**The Principle of Non-Contradiction** means that something cannot be and not be at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.

# PHILOSOPHY 101: TRUTH

JOHN 14:1-12



**A statement like "God exists" / "God doesn't exist" is either objectively true or false. It cannot be both true and false in the same way at the same time.**

What do Catholic Christians believe about Jesus?

Why are all Christians either right or wrong about this?

**God either exists or doesn't exist. Jesus is either God or not God. These statements are not subjective, but involve a truth outside of us!**



*Now Read John 14:1-12*



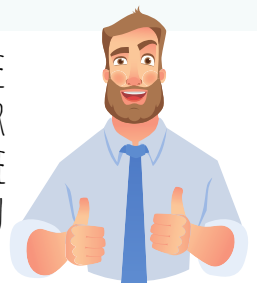
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**MISSION!**

THIS WEEK, TAKE SOME TIME TO REALLY CONSIDER WHAT IT IS THAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. MAYBE IT WOULD HELP TO WRITE YOUR IDEAS DOWN. DO YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT JESUS MATCH WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES? SPEND TIME IN PRAYER ASKING JESUS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO YOU, AS HE IS, NOT AS YOU IMAGINE HIM TO BE.

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**PRAYER TIME!**

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## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE



- Pat Barrett: The Way (New Horizons)
- New Wine: Jesus the Truth
- Jonathan David Helser: Father of Jesus
- Selah: How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- Celebration Music: The Way The Truth The Life
- Jillian Edwards: Let not your heart be troubled
- Cory Asbury: The Father's House
- Ryan Ellis: Heart of the Father



Fr Patrick Cahill: My Truth?



Why We Should Stop Saying "My Truth" (Fr Mark Mary CFR)