

To the Heights

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Year A

Hear



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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 65(66):1-7, 16, 20

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:

John 14:15-21



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Scripture quote:

"If you love me you will keep my commandments."

Reflect



1. What does Jesus say that those who love Him will do?
2. Who is the Advocate?
3. Why do the disciples know the spirit of truth when the world doesn't?
4. What promises does Jesus make to the disciples in this passage?
5. What kind of unity between the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is expressed in this passage?

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!

15 May St Carthage

16 May St Brendan

18 May St John I (Pope, Martyr)

20 May St Bernardine of Siena



CHECK IT OUT:

Have you ever created a May Altar in your home? Maybe it's something you did as a child but have fallen out of the practice since. The tradition of honouring Our Lady in our homes during the month of May with a small "altar" or sacred space has been passed down through the generations in our country.

You can create a space for your altar on a small table, on a windowsill or on a shelf in your home. Check the links here for ideas on how to prepare your altar! [Knock Shrine](#) | [Real Life at Home](#) | [Catholic Icing](#)



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FILL UP ON GOD'S LOVE

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TUNE OF THE WEEK

Love Each Other



Graham Kendrick



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

This week, pray the Act of Love everyday and offer it especially for one particular person who you find it difficult to love. Ask Jesus to fill you with His love as He blesses both them and you!



Fr Mike Schmitz: Love is an ability



Young Person's Prayer



ACT OF LOVE: O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.

Puzzle



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

Advocate
commandment

Father
forever

Jesus
keep

know
live

love
orphans

receive
Spirit

truth

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LOVE STRONGER
THAN DEATH



WHAT'S ON

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@asqj.us.org 087 404 2784

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

Campa Mhuire Mháthair Catholic Summer Camps for Primary School Children: Ardmore and Tramore in July. (Also in Ballina, Kilarney and Mitchelstown). Music, Action Songs, Arts & Crafts, Games, Prayer and a whole lot of fun! More info on <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/campa-mhuire-mhathair/>



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





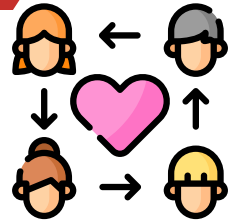
And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5)

FILL UP ON GOD'S LOVE

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LIST THE 5 MAIN TYPES OF RELATIONSHIPS IN YOUR LIFE AT THE MOMENT E.G. PARENTS / SIBLINGS, FRIENDS....

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE "LOVE"?



WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ "LOVE IS AN ABILITY" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



What line from the movie "Dan in Real Life" struck Fr Mike?

Fill in the blanks:

- You are m_ _ _ for love.
- You c_ _ _ from love.
- You are made _ _ love.
- Your goal is to e_ _ _ _ into love, to be a g_ _ _ of love with your whole life!



Yet, love is not something that all of us know how to do, because love is an ability, a s_ _ _ _.

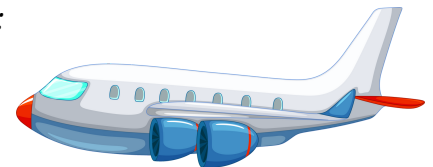


What three parts of the human person does Fr Mike mention?

- EMOTIONS (feelings)
- WILL (our ability to _____)
- INTELLECT (our ability to _____)



Relying only on our emotions to guide us in how to love does not make much sense. Explain Dr Edward Sri's analogy of the airplane with regard to this:



Do you agree with his analogy? Explain your answer.

TO LEARN HOW TO LOVE, WE NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT _____.

The classical definition of love is: willing or _____ the good of the _____.

What do you think that means?

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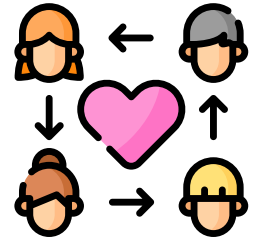
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LEARN TO LOVE

JOHN 14:15-21

Think back to the types of relationships you listed at the start of this exercise. Everyone has someone in their life that they have the ability to love, and the opportunity to love.

Pick one relationship and reflect: what would it look like for you to choose the good of the other, rather than simply following feelings? What might change?



Now Read John 14:15-21



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MISSION!

THIS WEEK, PRAY THE ACT OF LOVE EVERYDAY AND OFFER IT ESPECIALLY FOR ONE PARTICULAR PERSON WHO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO LOVE. ASK JESUS TO FILL YOU WITH HIS LOVE AS HE BLESSES BOTH THEM AND YOU!



PRAYER TIME!

ACT OF LOVE: *O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.*



CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE SUPERNATURAL GRACE TO LOVE



- Esther Mui: The Spirit of Truth - I Will Not Leave You Orphans
- Sunday 7pm Choir: If ye love me
- Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes: Inheritance
- Red Rocks Worship: Never Leave
- Chris Sayburn: Spirit and Truth
- Hillsong: So Will I (100 Billion X)
- Elevation Worship: Fullness
- Jeremy Camp: Same Power

8:29 MINS



Love is More than a Feeling (Fr Mike Schmitz)



Love is more than a feeling: Ascend YM Resource