

May Daily Prayer & Reflections

11th May 2020

Mary said I am the handmaid of the Lord so she is promising to be a vessel of God's will which we pray to be too and to follow Him.

May is the focus for May, she was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that God's plan for her was steadfast and true.

Take time out of your day to attend live streamed mass and pray. We need to take time for inspiration from our Mother during this time.

Prayer for the Day:

Heavenly Father,

We pray for light hearts and openness to your love. Throughout our days may we see your light and love. We pray for your joy and grace throughout the day. Thank you for all that You have bestowed on us.

Amen

On the @BC_Chaplaincy Twitter Page, we upload daily reflections and prayer ideas which we invite you to look at with readings of the day also posted. We post small reflections so we can keep God's word active throughout the day and accessible.

We also have our sway page where we post chaplaincy resources for prayer and reflection.

The Gospel Reading Today :

The Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.' Judas – this was not Judas Iscariot – said to him, 'Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' Jesus replied: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

Reflection:

"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
Luke 1:38



and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you."

This part of the gospel reaffirms what we are called to do. If we follow him, trust him and love him unapologetically, we will always have a home and refuge in God. It says many times in the scripture that God is our refuge, strong tower and our fortress. The plan God has for us he will walk with us through it all. It is hardly surprising that this invitation to share God's life and work is hard to grasp, for Judas and for us. Learning and understanding take time. But Jesus also promises that we will not be left in a state of frustrating perplexity.

Prayer:

Lord,

We pray for a revelation and light to the path you have set for us. Inspire us to use this time to expand our knowledge and reflect. We thank you for everything you have bestowed on us.

We pray for our hearts to be light and to use your strength in our battles rather than just relying on our own.

Amen

Diocesan Information

Masses are live streamed up and down the diocese and are daily. If you want to watch mass, follow this link select a church and the mass times are listed so you can plan Mass Live stream in to your day:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Praise and Worship Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8umfBRIwW8>

Kenelm Youth Trust @ Home Resources: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/home-resources.html>

Twitter: @bc_chaplaincy

Pause for Prayer Blog: <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/blog/category/catholic-life-blog>

One Life Music Weekly Worship: <https://youtu.be/bs36zxLEE8>