

## **May Daily Prayer & Reflections - 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Gods 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. This sheet has the gospel reading of the day and a reflective prayer.

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



### **Prayer for the Day:**

Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided.

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 :**

**You are my friends if you do what I command you**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,

so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another, as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me:  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

*Reflection: My love for others must not be conditioned by how they respond. Jesus loves me totally, whether I am good or bad or indifferent. My love must have that quality too. This is costly love – it could demand my very life!*

*This costly love will bear rich fruit, whether I see it or not. Just so, Jesus' love bears fruit only after his death. I must not be discouraged when my love seems to be wasted. True love never comes to an end (1 Corinthians 13:8). Loving actions are the building blocks of eternal life.*

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the joy and compassion you have bestowed on us. The joy of the Lord is our strength. We praise you and glorify you.

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/bs36zxL EE8>