

How do we come to know him? By studying his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, becoming familiar with the gospels and getting to know him in the heart of prayer. This is the way of keeping our centre of conviction focussed and our motivation strong. As this happens freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Note too that everything that Jesus did was through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is astounding that the Father gives us this same Holy Spirit so that we can do the works that Jesus did. As Saint Paul said, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

As you read this passage this week, ask yourself these questions. Does anything stand out? Perhaps you are struck by Jesus' desire for you to believe in him. He invites us to look at the depth of our faith in Jesus. Discuss it honestly with Jesus now.

Or perhaps you notice that Jesus' desire is that you should be with him where he is. How does it make me feel to hear those words? Again, talk to Jesus about your feelings, and then sit in silence for a while to listen to him.

The Lord be with you.



Prayer Thanksgiving and Requests

Thanksgiving

- For our Mother's and other Women who have nurtured us.
- For the lack of COVID19 in our district.
- For those who are working hard to keep us safe.

Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Helen, Lorna, Debbie, Kaye, the vulnerable in our parish, and their families.
- Those affected by COVID 19, especially the sick and dying.



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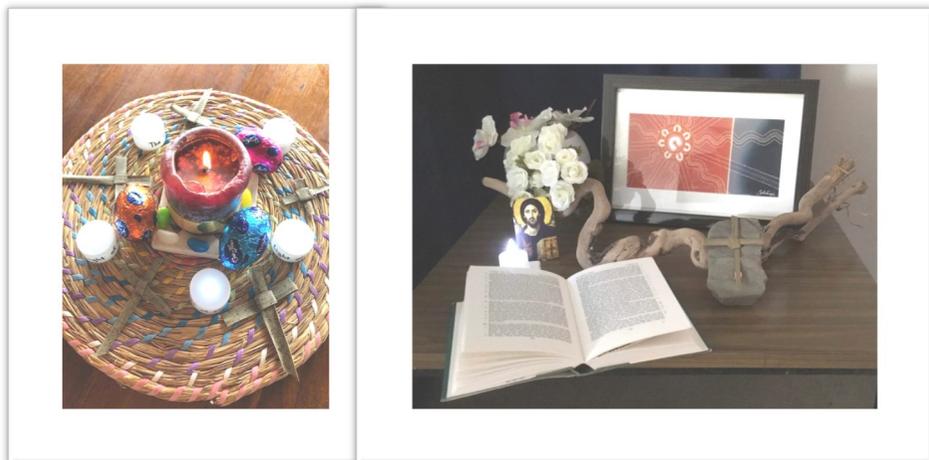


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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Happy Mother's Day! If you're a Mum, I hope you are feeling appreciated. For those of you who are not, I hope today is a day you can reflect on your mum and the other women who have been strong influences in your life. I myself have been fortunate to have 5 strong female role models in my life, My Mum, two Aunts, my Godmother and School Chaplain. I thank God for them as I would not be the person I am without their influence in my life. So I hope today is a lovely family day for you, with those you are closest too, either physically or electronically by phone or internet. Maybe you could add a flower to your sacred space in your home as you say your prayers this week.

I would love to see how you have set up your sacred place in your home. Take a picture and send it either by phone or email It would be nice to share with others. Here are photos of two contributions received.



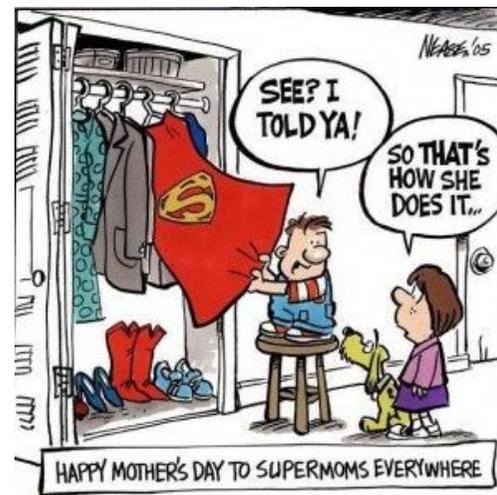
I trust you have a safe and happy week.
Blessings Jenny.

An Honourable Woman

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness."

Proverbs 31:25-28

The Lighter Side of Life



Prayer of the Week

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading. Read John 14:1-14

Reflection

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, as the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life may be, flow from this. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship. We are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as just one of a group.