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Sixth Sunday of Easter 09.05.2021

Sat 8 May 6.00pm **Streamed + People**
 Ray Field LD

Sun 9 May 9.00am (**Bampton**) + **People**
 6th Easter Sunday Terry McDonnell LD
 10.15am **Streamed + People**
 Isalina de Freitas LD

Mon 10 May

Tue 11 May **6.30pm** Fr Michael Crumpton LD

Wed 12 May

Thu 13 May 6.30pm Ali Murphy LD

Ascension

Fri 14 May 6.00pm (Burford) Fr John Kearns LD

St Matthias

Sat 15 May 6.00pm **Streamed + People**
 Felix Rooney LD

Sun 16 May 9.00am (**Carterton**) + **People**
 Pat Haddock GE

7th Easter Sunday 10.15am **Streamed + People**
 Isalina de Freitas LD

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

Church now OPEN for Mass on Saturdays, 6.00pm (temporary); Sundays 9.00am and 10.15am; Tuesdays 6.30pm; (+ Burford Fridays 6.00pm).

St Joseph's 6.00pm Saturday Mass From **Saturday 26 June** there will **no longer be 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's**. The Mass will transfer to Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Burford.

Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Chris Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele, Marie Whelan, Elaine Barry, Isalina de Freitas.

Anniversaries: John & Marie Drew, Deacon Jim Duffy, William McElligott, Anita Lockton.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Dominic Martin, Santana Carrinchi, Baby Tommy Delaney.

***Red Boxes** Please return your Mission / APF boxes before the end of May.
In 2020 £1,509 raised.

Ascension Thursday 13 May Mass at 6.30pm.
 (There is 10.00am Mass at Burford)

1st reading: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48 2nd reading: I John 4:7-10. Gospel: John 15:9-17

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We continue to savour the immensely rich and nourishing vein of chapter 15 of John's Gospel, a passage which follows on immediately upon last Sunday's and which, typically for John, is a kind of variation on a theme. *Remain in me the vine* from last week becomes *remain in my love*. In order to remain attached in love to Jesus (as a branch must remain part of the vine to bear fruit), we must keep his commandments, just as Jesus keeps his Father's commandments. And that new commandment is to love one another as he loves us and in us. But it is not just we who love. We love only when Our Lord loves in and through us. The Holy Spirit whose great feast we keep in two weeks at Pentecost: he establishes every genuine loving relationship; the sap which allows the vine to grow and produce lasting fruit in us the branches.

Then there is the theme from two Sundays ago (Good Shepherd Sunday) of *laying down one's life*. Here it is not just the shepherd laying down his life for his sheep, but Jesus speaks expressly of laying down his life for his friends: those he was talking to then, but including us, who are his friends, his disciples now. The implied theme of the hireling is touched upon: *I shall not call you servants any more since a servant does not know his master's business* and cannot be expected to defend the flock when the wolf attacks. *I call you friends*, having made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Implied in this, it seems to me, is that there is a vastness to revelation, in fact there is no end to it. Our insight and understanding, the very doctrine of Christianity, is bound to develop through time, since time is the very dimension of revelation, the working out of God's purpose, until fully mature. We are accorded glimpses here on earth of the full view we will only be able to take in and marvel at full of joy when we enjoy heaven.

