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TRUST IN HIM

I cannot fathom
the depth of your grief
nor the pain
of the burden you bear
But I know someone who does
Trust in Him
When you don't understand
the reason why
Trust in Him
He wipes the silent tears
that no one else can see
Trust in Him
when you cannot bear the load
from the burdens deep within
Trust in Him
He mends the broken heart
and heals your grieving soul
Trust in Him
He is always by your side



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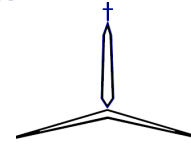
May they Rest in Peace



*Let the words,
'Come and see'
echo in your mind
and heart today
and all this week.*

*Lord, thank you
for calling me
to the Eucharist;
and for calling me
into prayer.*

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



14th of January 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good things take time

(John 1:35-42)

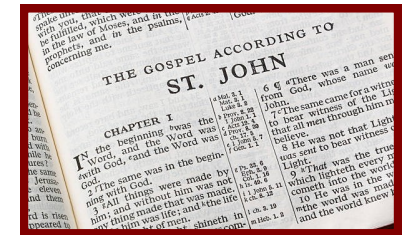
We need time for the best things in life to come to fruition. Love grows in marriage, friendship and family over many years. It has significant moments but often it cannot be rushed. Jesus' disciples were invited to stay with him the rest of that day to get to know him; it would not happen immediately at the river. 'Rest of the day' would mean a very long time.

How well do I know Jesus? How much do I know about him? These are two different types of knowledge, like I can know everything about a person and not know the person.

What do I find out in this reading about Jesus? He is one who does not force himself on people – he asks 'what do you want?' He likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

When we read a gospel story, we can pause here and there and ask, what is new in this story about Jesus? Or what is new about myself? The gospel is always new. It is a treasure chest to bring out new aspects of the truth of Jesus each time we read it.

In prayer he has time for each of us. They stayed with him for a long time and he does not seem to hurry them. The lord is not in a hurry with us in any way except to love us.



Donal Neary SJ

OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED AND BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

Please Note our Live Streaming MCN web addresses have been updated. Live streaming link from our own website remains the same.

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<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-paul-s>

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OUR CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1pm
Butlerstown Church daily 12 to 4.00pm

Lord, I pray for joy and happiness in the coming year.

Fill my heart with the joy that comes from knowing you and walking in your ways.

Help me to find happiness not only in external circumstances but in the depth of myself.

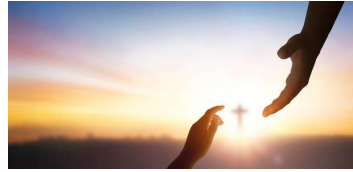
May I experience the joy and happiness that come from walking in your presence each day.



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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18-25 January 2024**



We Are One With You

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts.
Help us to realise that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you,
and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.
Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time.

*Some people bear three
All they have had,
All they have now
And all they expect to have.*



Home Sweet Home

You can tell a lot about a person from where they live. We like to see how people live, and to try and work out what their living arrangements and style tells us about them.

As children when we made friends, it was a big step to be invited to the home of someone from our class. No matter how close you were in the schoolyard, going to someone else's house was a way of cementing the friendship and getting to know the other person on another level. It is how friendships were forged.

As I've got older, I've always enjoyed visiting the home of a friend for the first time after they've moved house. I love the way the same bits and pieces find their home so easily in another place, and how that person's character comes across in the new space. I love how a certain atmosphere and warmth can transfer from one home to another, just because the same person inhabits it.

'Come and see.' It's such an intimate invitation. These new disciples on today's Gospel ask their teacher a simple question – Where do you live? – and he responds with an invitation to 'come and see'. So the disciples tag along. They must have been made very welcome, as they end up staying with Jesus for the rest of the day. This precious early time with Jesus must have set them up for a lifetime of discipleship.

We don't know where Jesus lived, or what his living arrangements were, as he set about the early days of his mission. But we know he wanted to invite his disciples to spend time in his presence and to really get to know him.

Triona Doherty

Q. Why is St Peter sometimes called Cephas?

A. His original name was Simon. In the Aramaic language which Jesus and the apostles spoke, Cephas means a rock. Peter is its Greek translation and Latin took on the Greek name. By giving him this new name Jesus was indicating his future role as the rock on which he would found his church. The letters of Paul refer to him as Cephas eight times and as Peter twice. The Gospels which were written later than Paul's letters nearly always use the Greek name, Peter, as the Christian church was by then using Greek and Latin far more than Aramaic.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap



If you put too much pressure on any one part of your life, there is a risk of collapse. If you put too much pressure on any one part of your being there may be a collapse too. The body, soul, mind and emotions are given to you to spread the load. The same is true of your family and friends and of support services and those things that help you to discover your beliefs and values. When you are in good form, you are aware of all these 'arches' in your life. The load is spread quite evenly. When you are in bad form, you put too much pressure on one 'arch,' that single arch just can't carry the load!

*Alan Hilliard, Dipping Into Life
(Messenger Publications)*