



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
BOGNOR REGIS AND SLINDON**

We are followers of Jesus, on fire with his love,
sharing that love with each other and with the world.

7th Sunday of Easter: “I pray that you may be one.”

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of our prayers for your family and you this coming week!

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We gather

In the Gospel, St John tells us of when Jesus was preparing to return to his Father and was reflecting on all the work he had done on earth to spread the Good News.

It was at his last meal with the disciples.

Jesus was praying for his friends during his Last Supper with them. Jesus prayed to his Father, that his friends “may be one just as you and I are one.”

Before you listen to the Gospel take a moment to reflect on any times in the past week when you have not followed Jesus’ way and have been unkind, or not thoughtful of others in your family and say sorry.

We listen

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. For you gave him authority over all humanity, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. And eternal life means knowing you, the only true God, and knowing Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.



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“I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

We reflect

- ***The disciples had witnessed many times when Jesus had shown his glory and power. Can you think of any of the miracles that Jesus did e.g. making the blind man see, or when he rose from the dead...?
What does Jesus promise to those who believe in him?
Jesus said he would to be with his followers always. How can we keep in touch with Jesus?
What prayers do you know or say at home or Church or at school?
Do you have a favourite prayer?
Who do you pray for?***
- ***Kathryn in the video has shown 3 ways you can keep in touch with Jesus through prayer- a prayer wall on your fridge , a prayer tree of hearts of prayers made with a branch in a pot or a prayer tree in your house or in a bush/ tree in your garden***



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Or using Lego bricks to pray (see notes below) choose one of these ways to respond to the gospel

End this time by praying:

For our Church ,Parish Community and family that even in these difficult times we may be united in love and faithLord in your mercy/ Hear our Prayer

For those who are ill or worried that they may be given healing and care.....Lord in your mercy/Hear our Prayer

For ourselves and our families; that we may bring Joy to others through small acts of love ...

Lord in your mercy/ Hear our Prayer

Loving Father, increase our faith and help our love for you and one another grow and grow.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We go forth

The following are some activities you can try at home to respond to the Gospel:

- Add prayers each day to your prayer wall or prayer tree
- Watch and join in with singing the Lord's Prayer at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwvBtcwPQS8>

- A worksheet to print can be found at:
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/a-easter-07.PDF>



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- **LEGO /Duplo Bricks Prayer**



You will need: Some Duplo or Lego bricks

Hold the brick you have chosen.

Pray for yourself. Thank God for the things he has given you. Ask Him to bless you and to help you to bless others.

Count the bumps on your brick.

For each bump on your brick, pray for a different person-friends or family and ask God to bless them this week.

Look at the different bricks your family are holding

Thank God for making each person special. Thank him for the things that are different but special about other people. Pray that we will learn how to celebrate and understand people who are different to us.

Find another brick with the same number of bumps as you have.

Thank God for families and friends and all who care for us.

Put all of the bricks together and build a structure or tower with them.

Thank God for the church and the communities we live in. Pray that He will help us to include others and to help people know that they are loved and valued.

- Watch the a film version of Jesus life for children by the Bible Trust called "The super cool story of Jesus" and discuss all the wonderful ways Jesus showed his love and glory:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/the-super-cool-story-of-jesus-video/>

- These children in Mozambique laid their hands on a map and prayed for the children all over the world coping with the Covid19 epidemic. As a family choose a country this week find out about life in that country and pray for the children who live there.

