

Dear Friends,

Yesterday and today's Gospel are taken from the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 14, which is part of our Lord's farewell discourse. They reveal the unity of mind and heart of Jesus with His Father and also promise each of us a share in this same communion.

Jesus says: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." How much those words mean to us at this time when there are so many uncertainties in our lives and in wider society.

As to Thomas's uncertainty of the Way to follow, Jesus says: ***"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."***

What great reassurance the Lord gives to us. He not only reveals the Way we should live as disciples but He becomes the Way for us so that we may discover Him who is our Truth and the Life. Our Lord's words should set our hearts on fire, for His words reveal the tremendous love of God for us. He provides for us in our every need and is doing so even more than ever at this present time.

We may ask or hear others ask "Where is our Lord in the present pandemic and its tragic consequences for some members of the human family?" I am sure that we would all agree that there has been an outpouring of kindness, neighbourliness, and care amongst the great majority of people. All of these acts of kindness and solidarity have their source and fulfilment in God's love for us. As Saint John says in his first letter. ***"My dear people let us love one another, since love comes from God and anyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, since God is love."***

Our dear Lord not only provides so many blessings whilst we live our lives here on earth, but He also promises the unending joy of life with Him for ever. ***"I am going now to prepare a place for you and***

after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with Me; so that where I am you may be too.”

Without wishing to offend the grief of those whose loved ones have died in this present pandemic our Lord also raises our hearts in hope – for we believe that the sadness of death will give way to the bright promise of immortality.

So let us find renewed trust and faith in our Lord’s words and let us ask our blessed Lady to renew that sense of God’s fatherly care for each and every one of us. Our Lord Himself tells us:

“Whatever you ask for in My name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it.”