

Subject: Daily Prayer 19th May 2020 with reflection by Canon Simon Stephens

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Good morning everyone

As usual let us begin with a few moments of silence and stillness.....

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

John 16:5-11

But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned

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Rogation Day

John 16/vs 5-11

The Work of the Holy Spirit

"I tell you the truth. It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you ; but if I go, I will send him to you."vs .7

Jesus promises his disciples that they will not be left alone when he returns to his Father. He will bequeath to them the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and the Counsellor. Partings are nearly always painful, but the Man from Galilee assures these frail men that they will be empowered to develop and extend his ministry. And of course, that is his challenge to us here in St Andrews Pollenca. Through the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Confirmation, we too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but perhaps timidity and fear hold us back from exercising that Christian ministry which he has bestowed upon each and every one of us.

Thursday 21 May is Ascension Day, and we are all invited to dedicate the ten days before Sunday 31 May, Pentecost Sunday to a Decade of Prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to pour

his light and .love upon each one of us, that we might become a DYNAMIC FORCE and PRESENCE within the community of Pollenca. St Andrews Church community by word and deed needs to reflect the presence of the Holy Spirit within it that we may use His transformative grace to perform a much needed miracle in our Chaplaincy. Prayers please, every day!

Canon Simon Stephens

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; c
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we for
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For
is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Blessing

The goodness of the Father,
the grace of Christ the Son,
the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
the glory of the Three in One
be with us now and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN