

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Another week has passed and only one more week of our Easter season remains. Our Easter pilgrimage may be coming to an end but sadly the coronavirus pilgrimage has a long way to go. I don't know how often you have found yourself praying in these last weeks. My most common prayer has been. "Lord, let this difficult time come to an end."

The readings this weekend are all about prayer. What do the apostles and their companions do after the Ascension? They go to the upper room they have been staying in and pray. Have they been prompted by the spirit? Jesus said "I will not leave you orphans". When we read the Gospel, we hear the intimate prayer of Jesus to the Father. First it is a conversation about their relationship and then it becomes a call to let this glory be known to those with whom Jesus had shared the message. It is a real prayer of loving trust between the Father and the Son, for God's people.

As we wait for that renewed prompting of the Spirit in next week's great feast, let us recognise the intimacy that prayer brings about. God encounters us through prayer. His love comes to us through Jesus in prayer. All of this is through the Spirit. God's life that lives in us.

How wonderful it is to pray. So I say again. Lord let this difficult time come to an end.