



Together on the Road

Easter 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Love one another



When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

John 13:31-33,34-35

Pope Francis says in *The Joy of the Gospel*:

The Church’s closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; ‘communion and mission are profoundly interconnected’.[20] In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded... The Book of Revelation speaks of ‘an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people’ (*Rev 14:6*). [23]

Reflection

The first followers of Jesus were recognised by the love they showed for one another: they were learning to love one another in the same way that Jesus loved them. That is the challenge Jesus has left us — to go and make disciples by loving as he loved. Can you imagine trying to do this on your own? For all its faults, the Church is still called to do what Jesus came to do. The third Synod question invites us to think about what that means here and now.

Synod Question 3

What is the purpose of the Catholic Church in the world today?

Prayer

Light a candle and take a moment's silence before praying:

Risen Jesus,
may we know the power of your love in our lives
and through your Holy Spirit
may we have the courage to share that love
with a world that is hungry and broken
and so glorify your name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Synod 2020: Have your say

Please ensure that your voice is heard in response
to the Four Synod Questions.

Attend a local Listening Gathering in your parish or
Pastoral Area (see local notices for details)

or

Respond online at www.synod2020.co.uk



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