



SIXTH SUNDAY in Easter (Year A 19-20)

Watch this video on love:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9diFwUly4M>

Song: *We have come to hear your word,
hear your word, hear your word.*

We have come to hear your word, we are listening.



Prayer: *Help us understand we are never alone, simply a prayer away.*

'I will not leave you on your own'

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Easter and today we hear the Gospel that suggests,

Jesus will be going away soon.

Jesus assures them that he will not abandon them.

He will send them a helper.

That special helper we know as the Holy Spirit.

We do not see the Holy Spirit, but we do see the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives and actions of ourselves and the people around us.

Perhaps it is like a silent partner in that it supports but is not visible.

In the same way the Holy Spirit was sent to help the disciples, to give them the courage

to continue Jesus' work.

So too, are we able to receive that same Spirit,

that same help, that same courage,

to allow us to travel our life's journey and do what we need to do.

We are called on, if only in some small ways to do some special jobs.

We are asked to look after the poor,

comfort the lonely and help those around us that cannot necessarily help themselves.

We too receive that Holy Spirit in our lives all the time, but we specially acknowledge sacramental times like Baptism and Confirmation,

Eucharist, throughout marriage,

that we receive God's love.

The Spirit is likened to the wind.

We don't know where it comes from or where it goes.

We can't see it but we can see its effect.

The spirit brings many gifts in our every day life.

We see the fruits of those gifts.

We see the fruits of the spirit in peace, in love, in joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

We can recognise that Spirit's gifts in our lives.

We can recognise that helper in our life.

Activities:

Add the fruits of the spirit to the tree...

...and remember even though we cannot see Jesus, we can experience his presence in many different ways.

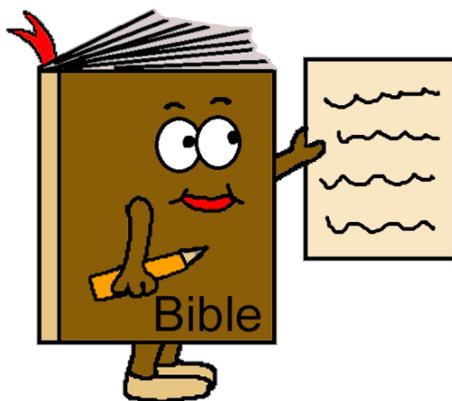
Something to Think About

The Spirit is at work in the world, bringing love, joy, kindness, patience and gentleness. We can't see those gifts but we can feel the effects of those gifts We call them the fruits of the Holy Spirit

The main message in today's gospel is to love Jesus and to do as he commands.

We understand Confirmation helps us to help us share those special gifts.

What does love look like.... feel like.... and sound like?



A reading from the holy gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:15-17, 19-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will do as I command.

Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you.

The Spirit will show you what is true.

In a little while the people of this world won't be able to see me, but you will see me.

And because I live, you will live.

Then you will know that I am one with the Father.

You will know that you are one with me, and I am one with you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

How Sweet is the Fruit of the Spirit Bible Maze

