

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6th 2018

Introduction

From time to time as we make our way today into the Church for Sunday Mass it is good for us to reflect as we journey: How did I feel as I walked through the door of the church and how do I feel now? Was I aware of how I felt when I left the house? Was I looking forward to the church experience or did I come without thinking about it too much. More specifically when I walked through the door of the church today was I thinking about the fact that I was walking into the house of God? That in making a step through the doorway of the church I was leaving Chronos behind (from the Greek) and stepping into Kairos (also from the Greek word for love) into eternity because as the Father has loved me ,so I have loved you because in every Mass we experience a foretaste of heaven?

Sometimes I am running late and don't have time to think about any of this.

When we hear the readings proclaimed for us at Mass, Jesus is speaking directly to us through them and, if we listen attentively He has something to say to each of us. It is no coincidence that we are there. We are there because we have chosen to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within our hearts to come and meet Jesus in the Mass. We may not have been aware of this, but in choosing to go to Mass we have taken the first and important step towards a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus. This sixth Sunday of Easter Jesus reminds us that He loves us passionately, devotedly, ceaselessly. He gave His life for us so that we may live forever. He came on earth in the first place to show us the way to heaven and today he tells us that the stairway to heaven is love. St John tells us that love can only be understood in terms of God's love for us first and we see how much God loves us when we look at Jesus who says 'Love one another as I have loved you. AMEN.