

Theme:

Live in total dependence on Him. When we depend on Him continually, our whole perspective changes.

Scripture:

Acts 12:28

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

John 14:20

On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you.

Focus table – perhaps you could set one up for this meeting, if you're not already seated in a special place where you normally pray.

Perhaps a lit candle, a bible, a fresh flower, a crucifix, statue or rosary, and something that represents **your most precious treasure**. It might be a photo of a loved one or an ornament you inherited from your mother or your engagement ring or your sewing machine or your hearing aid (perhaps not your glasses as you will need them to read this!) or

This will help us focus on the knowledge that God showers us with all our needs and then some – like a whole lot of birthday gifts – and he does this EVERY day.

As I'm writing this the sun is shining and the spring flowers remind me that even the smallest, everyday, mundane ordinary thing is a gift from God. Those who are blind cannot receive the gift of a beautiful tulip breaking out. Those hard of hearing are unable to enjoy the bird song or the sound of children playing. Memories are no longer available to those with dementia. Take a fresh look at those photos of your loved ones and remember those who are lonely or who have no family.

How blessed are we.

So, as we come into His presence this evening, let us take a moment to thank our loving Lord for a gift he has given just especially to me today – perhaps an unexpected phone call or email, a smile from an unexpected source, a pretty flower or cloud formation, or maybe a 'god-incidence'. Realise that this is His love letter to you today.

Let us pray

We welcome your blessings on us this evening Lord, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We thank you Gracious Father for your love and mercy as we gather online to worship and praise you together, yet not together.

We thank you Jesus that you love us so dearly that you come to dwell among us through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to have an encounter with you, and to develop a fresh relationship with you. Set our hearts on fire for love of you and help us to be open to hear your message as we listen to our speaker this evening.

Come Holy Spirit of the living God, set us free in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Housekeeping & notices & love offering:

- Prayer box: if you have a prayer request please send it through to Anne Lovell (address at the top of the email).
- Love Offering: at our meetings we normally take up a collection for our expenses. If you would like to continue to support us in this way and if you are able to pay online, our account number at Westpac is 030732 0026820 00.
- Please pray
 - for those who are struggling during these difficult days, especially those who are on their own,
 - for Dove members who are ill or in need of prayer for whatever reason,
 - for our Prime Minister, her cabinet and advisors – that the decisions they need to make are in accord with God's will and the very best they can be for our nation,

- for the upcoming election – that the result is that which is the best possible outcome for our nation and her people,
 - that we will all (from our global leaders right down to the ordinary person in the street) learn what is important and strive to keep the values we have (re)discovered during this time, such as putting people first and economies second; that the friendliness we see as we walk around our streets may continue within our neighbourhoods as we take more of an interest in those who live close to us.
- Next Dove meeting: please keep an eye on the parish website and your emails to see if we are holding an actual or a virtual meeting on October 13th. Our speaker, if we're live, deferred from this month, will be **Clare Borst** speaking on the **Gift of Wisdom**.
 - The next **Healing Service** with **Fr John Rae** is at Our Lady of Fatima Church Tawa, on Tuesday 29 September, beginning at 7.30 pm.
 - Fr Chris Skinner's concert will be going ahead as planned on Sunday 20th but with only 100. If you are interested in going please register with the parish office.

Praise & Worship:

How difficult this is going to be on our own! Please feel free to stand, and be expressive in your worship of our awesome God as you sing along with these YouTube clips:

Come now is the time to worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPWq8eM4lu8>

Magnificat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsyJ1pM8Vc>

Change my heart O God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKLQ1td3MbE>

All to Jesus I surrender <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x2lpLSfq8>

Lord I give you my heart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZGzu6oI9b4>

Be still and know by Amy Grant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF1duZuGqAw>

Spend some time singing in tongues or quietly humming in adoration.

Then spend some quiet time listening for any word from the Holy Spirit.

If you receive a word (or two or three), that you believe might be for all our women to hear, please send it through to me so I can send it out to everyone.

'Speaker':

Our speaker tonight was to have been Clare Borst on *The Gift of Wisdom*. We will now hear her speaking at another time.

Our 'speaker' is **Fr Chris Ryan** of the Missionaries of God's Love order. The talk comes from the *Pentecost Pilgrimage* some of us followed after Easter. Please click on the link and hear what Fr Chris has to say to us tonight:

<https://pentecostpilgrim.kartra.com/portal/srkBEfDg0WoQ/post/56>

Some questions you might like to consider, in the light of Fr Chris' talk:

1. what riches do I have – take a moment to think about the riches you have – and all given freely. You have done nothing to 'deserve' them - they're yours because you are an heir
2. can we identify with Jesus saying 'why have you abandoned me?' (see 8th minute) in those times when we are feeling cut off from God. Talk to God about this,
3. How rich we are because we too are one with the Father, as Jesus is.
4. 13.40 minute – is the crux – Jesus wants to bring us into relationship with the Father as he has.

May you be touched by him and his words, through which the Holy Spirit is speaking just to you.

Another Pilgrimage is starting tomorrow/today (Tuesday 8th). This one is the **Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage**. This is the link if you are interested and want to possibly sign up for it (free!):

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>

Let us pray

In closing, let us join 'together', in our own little bubbles, and pray:

Lord we thank you for this 'meeting'. We thank you for your presence amongst us, as we have joined together in thought and intention, despite being in our own little individual bubbles. We ask that you now come in power to anoint and bless me and the other Dove women, as your daughters and heirs, as we seek the Holy Spirit to come into their lives in a renewed and refreshed way. Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit fall afresh on us. Holy Spirit, fill us to overflowing.

We thank you Lord Jesus for this time we have been blessed to spend with you as we have prayed, listened and sung together.

We thank you for the ministry of Dove here and in the rest of our Nation. Fill each fellowship with your love, joy and peace Lord. Give us all new and open hearts.

We thank you for your word when you say, I am the Lord your God, the Holy one, and I will never leave you, fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name, you are mine.

Without you Lord we are nothing.

Give us a real, genuine close relationship with you, as your daughters and heirs, Lord so we can be conquerors, overcomers, evangelisers, as you desire us to be.

Come Holy Spirit, come into our homes and into our hearts, help us to spend your time wisely, by sharing your love with all we are blessed to hear from, or encourage us to pick up the phone and call someone, giving them hope and courage to continue on this journey, of hope and joy. We pray all this in the name of our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Let us finish by singing:

How great is our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKLQ1td3MbE>

Thank you for joining us all.