

Lord Jesus Christ,  
our Divine Physician,

we ask you to guard and protect us  
and all people from the  
coronavirus and all serious illness.

For all who have died from it ,  
have mercy;

For all who are ill now,  
bring healing;

For all searching for a remedy,  
enlighten them;

For medical caregivers, helping the sick,  
strengthen and shield them;

For all working to contain the spread,  
grant them success;

For those afraid,  
grant peace of mind.

By your grace,  
may you turn the evil of disease  
into moments of consolation and hope.

We abandon ourselves into your  
infinite mercy.  
Amen.

## Thought for the week

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

The whole of our Catholic faith can be summarised in a single word:  
LOVE. God is love and we exist because God loves us. As we look at  
the cross, we see God's love made visible. Let us be certain of God's  
love for us by prayerfully reflecting on St Paul's words and making  
them our own:

Nothing can come between *me* and the love of Christ, even if *I am*  
troubled or worried, or being persecuted,  
or lacking food or clothes,  
or being threatened or even attacked.

For I am certain of this:  
neither death nor life, no angel, no prince,  
nothing that exists, nothing still to come,  
not any power, or height or depth,  
nor any created thing,

can ever come between *me* and the love God  
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Being confident in God's love for me how do I respond?  
Am I able to love God and neighbour as Jesus asked?

*"By your love for one another will they know you are my disciples."*

Deacon Brian



### Prayers Please

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Thank you for your prayers for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has left hospital but he is still recovering from the coronavirus.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter – in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke and has been taken into hospital in Plymouth.

Please pray for Peter Bussell who has Alzheimer's disease and is now being cared for at The Order of St John Charitable trust in Wallingford

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 7 and has recently started chemotherapy for leukaemia.

Please pray for Ted Cotter (brother of Philomena) who has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Please pray for Irenka's sister Ludmila Morris who is a teacher and for all teachers as they continue to teach under difficult conditions

Please pray for children under stress.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



**Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;** Joyce price, Andreas Van Well, Bobby Deighton, Margaret Green, Nicola Juniper, Bernard Morgan, Sean Smyth, Alan Tillotson, Marie Wardle, Ted Dockrell, Mary Fogarty, Margaret Green, Sylvia Buffery, Josefa Cano Agnes Agatha George, Catherine Elizabeth Smith