

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
3rd May, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter brings us to what is possibly one of the most recognisable and, most beautiful, images of Jesus: that of the Good Shepherd. The psalm in particular is one we have heard many times, and is easily recognised:

‘The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.’

It is easy in these unusual times to forget that we must put our trust in the Lord; we are the sheep, he is the shepherd, and we must follow his leadership.

I know there have been times that I have called upon him and it feels as though he has not listened to my prayers. It is easy to become blinkered, when sometimes all we need to remember is that God knows our plight, but He also knows what he Himself is about. As a shepherd knows the needs of his sheep and a mother knows the needs of her child, so God knows our needs, but His ways are often mysterious, so I will trust Him still.

As Benedict XVI said, there are two verbs to describe our attitude to the Good Shepherd: ‘to listen’ and ‘to follow.’ We are reminded so many times of listening to God’s Word and following his example, that it can occasionally lose its importance. So on this Sunday, it is worth taking a few moments for some silent contemplation, prayer and thanks for the love the Lord has for us, the guidance he gives us and the path he is walking with us through life.

A Parishioner



A memory of last year's Easter flowers

Prayers Please

Please pray for Susanne and her new baby daughter, Camilla who was born at 7pm on Friday, 24th April.

Please pray for Irenka's sister Ludmila Morris who is a teacher at a school open for keyworkers' children—they have no PPE.

Please pray for Irenka's cousin Janusz Szczepanik who died on Tuesday, 21st April and for Dorothy Bass a friend who died on Sunday 26th.

Please pray for Ilona who has not been well.

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 Maddy Sharman who has started a new round of chemotherapy.

Please pray for Antonita's nephew Peppin who is in intensive care.

Please pray for children under stress.

Please prayer for all teachers — those still going into schools to give lessons to children with parents working on the frontline and those working out the technology to deliver their lessons from home.

Please pray for family and friends who work on the front line in the NHS and in the Care sector.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two Nursing Homes in our Parish, Abbey Crest and St Luke's.



Please Pray for the repose of the souls of: Bishop Leo McCartie who died recently.

Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including; Celestino Ruiz, Philip Hoban, Jean Howarth, Mic Micotti, Anthony Michael Stitt and Richard John Stitt, Romano Martin Rodrigues, Margaret Bonner Mowbray, Benedict Chin Siew Onn, Bernard Coffey, Vincent Gavin, Maggie Monter, Beryl Lester, and Johnny Warman.