

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
7th June 2020
Trinity Sunday

We will happily leave Fr Michael to help us understand the Trinity as a central mystery of our faith. We will also ask you to refrain from St Paul's instruction in the 2nd reading: "Greet one another with a Holy Kiss," but this does prompt thinking of what life will be like post-covid. What have we learnt during the lockdown and what might we do differently when it is over?

The Tablet in a recent article suggested that we might have lost the habit of Sunday Mass and find it difficult to resume. Hopefully we will have so missed the Sacraments that we will come with a greater appreciation of the Eucharist and rediscover what St John Paul called: "*Eucharistic Amazement*" and not some routine pious practice.

We hear that a quarter of adults in the UK have watched or listened to a religious service during lockdown. In our household it has been good to be able to be part of a streamed Mass from Henley or more recently from our own Church. We have particularly benefitted from "Zoom Meetings" on the Acts of the Apostles. Not only has it brought this exciting period of Church history alive, we have had Fr Michael and Deacon Brian there to explain and provide maps. Surely these Zoom meetings should be a practice to continue?

In post-covid church we are going to be challenged by the numbers of unemployed in our own country and real poverty in our midst. How are we going to be a more outgoing parish? How can we continue the current help and goodwill in our immediate neighbourhoods? Springwater Church has already started a food bank which deserves our support. Charities have lost income from their charity shops and some of their benefactors during this period. Some charities have to restrict their activities. Maybe some of us have savings from not buying fuel for our cars or having meals in pubs and restaurants. Should we not be diverting these savings to charities?

We suggest the post-covid world is going to require Catholics to take more responsibility for their faith, requiring a more active discipleship rather than being passive "religious consumers".

Stephen and Judy



Prayers Please

Thank you for your prayers for Antonita's nephew Peppin who remains in hospital 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 Ilona who has had a fall.

Please pray for Peter Bussell who has Alzheimer's disease and for his daughter who is his main carer.

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

Please pray for Irenka's sister Ludmila Morris who is a teacher at a school open for keyworkers' children.

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 also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including; Oliver Keogh, Vera Marlein, Maureen Burke, Hugh Gilmartin, Sabastian Francisco, Fr Tony Milledge, Stanley Francis Robinson, Al Terry, Bobby Alston, Arthur Burns, Eric Wright, Seta Goode, Mars A King, Bridget McDonnell RIP, Stanley Smith, Eric Wilson, Elizabeth Allsion, Janine Corie, Ron Theobald, Brian Bird, Michael and Julie Keogh.