

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**  
Sunday August 16th, 2020  
The Feast of the Assumption

As well as the Feast of the Assumption, this weekend also marks my wedding anniversary; in honour of which I took to the internet and ordered a personalised card.

To create the card I found myself pouring over our old photographs. This task took a while because we have a lot of photographs and many of them evoke happy memories. I found it difficult as I had decided to pick out pictures of my wife on her own, but many of the best photographs included our children. In some of these pictures my wife can be seen at her happiest and most alive. I could feel the love in the captured moments, whether they celebrated an achievement, or an event, but most of all, when they captured an unplanned snapshot of life.

I imagine that, if we were to have an album for the Holy Family, we would similarly find many pictures showing the love between a mother and her child. At this feast we may think of the blessing shown to Mary as a result of her piety, her obedience or her courage. Let us not also forget the great love that Mary showed herself capable of when accepting the path laid before her. Perhaps it was because of her capacity for love that she was chosen.

In reflecting on this I hope that we may each be open to the love that we can give and receive in the smallest moments of our life.

I very much hope that my wife liked the card, (I feel that I might have set a rather high expectation for it now).

A Parishioner



### Prayers Please

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has been readmitted to hospital due to 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 leukaemia. Rogan is responding well to his fortnightly treatment, but continues to need our prayers.

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;** Annie May, Dennis Page, Arthur Burge, Doris Rene, Eva Abraham, Keith Milton Davey, Ronald Jabez Herbert and Rita Conlon.