

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9th May, 2021

Fruit That Will Last

Having just spent some vouchers I received for my birthday on a pear and a plum tree that I hope will bear much fruit, the last two week's Gospel readings from St John have struck a chord. This is underlined by my patience with the vine I have tended for years (always in hope and not in expectation) that has never yet borne any edible grapes.

St John in the second reading as well as the Gospel, is so very clear that the source of fruitfulness is love. The love that the Trinity share with each other and pour out to us; and the commandment that we, in our turn, go out and share that love with others.

We can never be sure which actions of ours have been part of revealing the Father's love to others; helping them on a journey of faith to recognise and serve Jesus, as we are called to do. But like me with my vine, persistence in giving witness is what is asked of us. The small and persistent seeds of our love and our faith may in their time grow into fruitful trees for the Kingdom.

We may not witness the amazing coming of the Spirit that St Peter's preaching to Cornelius' household produced. However, St Peter's message that "God does not have favourites" and that "anybody who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him": means that we are called to witness the love of God to everyone.

I pray that, through all our individual efforts, the psalmist's claim that:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Will become a reality and we will have borne "*fruit that will last*".

A Parishioner



Prayers Please

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid and has entered a rehabilitation centre where he is being helped to learn to walk and feed himself again.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

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;

Jonny Warman, Margaret Mary (Peggy) Grey, Peter Ridge, Julia and Michael Keogh, Raymond Dockrey, William Kenny, Kenneth Pereira, Patrick Joseph Keogh, Bill Newman, Eileen Savage, Richard Taylor, Leslie Peach, Mary Scullen, Kenneth Alfred Dean.