

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, 4th October, 2020
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel foreshadows what Jesus will go through as the Son of God, so He can save humanity. He is the son in the gospel who goes to collect the produce from the vineyard of his father and is killed by the tenants. Jesus obeyed willingly, knowing He was to die.

The Jewish authorities would have recognised themselves in the story from Jesus. They are the ruffianly tenants, mistreating the messengers and killing the son.

Jesus warns them:

"The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit".

There is no such thing as fairness in bargaining with God, which is hard for us to understand. However any reward we earn is totally in God's gift to us. He wants us to work in His vineyard because we love Him and He loves us.

"I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

St.Gregory the Great said:

"Many are called but few are chosen. Many people follow God with their voices but flee from Him by their conduct."

This is terrifying, as how can we be sure we will be chosen? We pray that God will heed our petitions and give us the graces needed to live a good life in this world. By asking for His and His Blessed Mother's help we will gain all the strength we need to live our lives as good examples to all around us. We sincerely hope that we have enough courage to live as God wishes and not disappoint Him by our conduct.

St Paul says in the second reading:

"Fill your minds with everything that is true, noble, good, pure, virtuous and worthy of praise. Then the God of peace will be with you."

A parishioner



Prayers Please

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Please pray for Sandra Gibbons who is having chemotherapy.

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

Please pray for Timothy Kehoe, who is very ill.

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.

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 continues to need our prayers.

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

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; Renee George, Joe Ashby, Helen Cunningham, George Hajdu, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Annie Fallows, Enid Wilton, Vera Martin, Mrs F. Rodrigues, Andrew Selwood.