

Thought for the week
Sunday August 9th 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

LIGHT. This is the main theme of today's gospel- the Transfiguration. We all understand that light helps us see more clearly in the darkness.

Ambrose, (340-397) Bishop of Milan and church father, said

"The sun we know every day is followed by the darkness of night, but the sun of righteousness never sets because wisdom cannot give way to evil."

The Light in the Gospel is more than ordinary light- it is the Light of Christ.

Jesus is bathed in celestial light during the Transfiguration, showing the disciples, and therefore us also, that it is Christ we must follow always: so we do not stumble in the darkness of this world. He is our reliable guide through all perils and if we stay true to Him then we will have eternal life and light forever.

This world is often a dark, frightening and lonely place. Just think of all the men, women and children in the Middle East, Far East and Orient who are suffering, as we read this, for their belief in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray constantly for their deliverance from their trials and ask that the Light of Christ will change the hearts of their persecutors.

Martin Luther King once said:

"It is still one of the tragedies of human history that the 'children of darkness' are frequently more determined and zealous than the 'children of light'"

It may seem an impossible target to achieve, but we must remember that NOTHING is impossible for God, our almighty Father.

Can we try and be determined and zealous as Children of the Light?

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 recently started chemotherapy for leukaemia.

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; Elizabeth Regan, Tommy Keogh, Ralph Mascarenhas, John Joseph Walsh, Michelle Wells Jacobson, Anthony Christopher Boulton, Sean Kennedy, Jack Faherty, Louis and Dora Paola, Lilly Dougan, Kathleen McGuire, Jeddy.