

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
Second Sunday of Easter
11th April, 2021

In this week's readings we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection from the apostles' perspective. We see how they come together to live and work and testify to the miracle, and how in response they were met with respect. The common theme throughout this week's readings is unity, as we witness the benefits reaped from working together on the apostles' physical lives and spiritual journey.

What do we have in common with one another? The apostles had their lives with Jesus, and in a way we do also. We are brought together in faith: the Holy Spirit binds us together and brings us closer to God, reinforcing the importance of community. Faith is trusting without evidence, and being within a church community helps each one of us to understand what faith means on an individual level - having people around us who we can talk to and discuss ideas with helps us to find our own relationship with God and determine its nature.

Despite this, having faith can still be difficult. Especially when times get tough and miracles in the form of impossible biological feats are significantly less prevalent to immediately renew our unquestioning loyalty to God. However, I believe that it is not the absence of hardship that defines the presence of a God, but rather how we prevail when all seems hopeless. But this week we learn that not everything needs a definition or complete understanding because

"happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".



Prayers Please

Please pray for Ted Cotter (brother of Philomena) who died recently.

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;

Joyce Ashby, Mary Lousley, Catherine Nevin, John Rixon, Ron Ryan, Geza Toth, Fr Xavier O.F.M., Fr Robert O Neill, Jenny Pereira, Jack Leach, Mary Ann Oattes, Camilio Santana Rodrigues,.