

**Thought for the week
Third Sunday in Advent
13th December, 2020**

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.

Christ said to his Apostles:

“Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven,”

Clearly if this is to happen, there is a need to “confess” our sins and when Christ passed this task to the Apostles he did not expect it to end with them. So today we have the great Sacrament of “Confession”.

The Sacrament of confession does not have to be an onerous or oppressive process or something we should be scared to do – actually, being honest about our failings, our shortcomings and our weaknesses is liberating, freeing and honest. We confess and acknowledge our sin, and open ourselves up to God’s healing.

On Monday, 21st December at 7pm we have in our Church a Service of Reconciliation with Father Michael Miners will be joining Father Michael to hear “Confession”.

Then on Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve between 10am and 12 noon Father Michael will be available in Church for the Sacrament of Confession.

In addition, from this weekend onwards regular confessions will recommence from 10am—11am in the Sacristy. It will be necessary to sanitise the Penitent's chair between each visit, so please do allow 2 minutes after the person before you has left before entering the Sacristy.

We do hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession during advent: Or as Fr Michael once described it:

“A wash and brush up before Christmas”.

A Parishioner



Prayers Please

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.

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 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please also pray for Peter's cousin Paul Wailen who is very ill.

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;

Fr John Ellis, Mat and Chris Fagen and family members, Rita and Owen Walter, Kitty and Henry Jackubizyn, Sue Carey, Sophia Carikas, Angela Fung, Sophia Graham, Stanislaus Rozdolski, Anna Maria Dias, Margaret Skevington, Paquita Wettenhall, Margaret Hall, Albert Eeckelaers, Lesley Farquhar, Reg Adams, Mr Wojciech Motyka, Simon Barrow, Bill Condon, Alfred May, Peter Ellison, Eamonn and Nancey Keogh.