

Thought for the week
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th January, 2021

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.

In these troubled and worrying times we must try and re-assure ourselves somehow; and what better way than to remind ourselves that Our Blessed Lord is constantly with us - night and day and through thick and thin. Worry and depression can make us forget His promise to be with us *“always, until the end of time”*

In this Sunday’s first reading we meet Samuel and we learn that he has, as yet, no knowledge of the Lord. But that is about to change. Samuel hears his name called and goes to Eli saying: *“here I am since you called me.”* Although Samuel was unaware who had called, Eli was not. He tells him when the voice calls again to reply:

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

This message is for us too. Our Saviour will give us the comfort and strength we need to conquer any problems, as He can conquer everything.

Let us be like Samuel and say:

“Here I am Lord- speak to me as I am listening”.

If we ask Him and trust Him, as He can do anything, then we have someone beside us who will never abandon us and whatever He wishes for us will be fulfilled. He is with us in this pandemic so believe in His mercy and have courage.

St Francis de Sales told us:

“If you are armed with the armour of faith, nothing can harm you.”

A parishioner



Prayers Please

Please pray for Jan Treder who died on Tuesday.

Please pray for Will Van Bree (Eveline's brother) who passed away on Wednesday

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 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;

Eileen Drever, Eileen Levy, George Wright, Ivan Dover, Joan Godfrey, Cecil Keane, Anthony C and Regina Pereira, Joseph Smyth, Kathleen Smyth, Lily Deegan, Bernard C. Oates, Imrie Osz, Philomena Smith, Leslie Archard, Winifred Dougan, Winifred Halter, Richard Bertram George and Irene Margaret George.