

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  
19th July 2020  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How wonderful it was to be able to open the church, first for two weeks of individual prayer and now for Sunday and weekday masses.

As stewards, we felt a bit awkward at first greeting fellow parishioners in masks gloves and gowns (plastic apron) but we have to comply with guidelines aimed at preventing spread of the virus..

Those who came for individual prayer expressed their thanks that they were be able to go into Church, say a prayer and light a candle before whatever work they had to do that day. Smiles shine out from behind a mask!

Our first reading from the book of Wisdom encourages us to do all we can to help those hardest hit by the pandemic:

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men.

How many wonderful accounts we hear of people reaching out: getting prescriptions, shopping, cutting lawns, organising zoom meetings or phoning parishioners, club members or those who are lonely and just want to talk.

Now as we emerge from 'lockdown', we reflect individually, as a community, as a nation and as citizens of the world, on the way we've been living, treating one another, and our God-given gift of this planet. In helping us find this new and better 'normal' we pray, as in today's Gospel that:

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

Jim and Maggie



## Prayers Please

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Thank you for your prayers for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has left hospital after spending 102 days there, but he is still recovering from 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;** Cyril Thomas Smith, Susan O'Sullivan, George Gallagher, Michael McDonnell, Patrick Deeney, Jenny Keogh, Kevin de Silva, Jacqueline Margaret Clyne, Norman Hutchinson, Judith Gomes, Margaret Lousdale, Bill Riordan.