

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
Sunday, 25th October, 2020
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel is a timely reminder of the second commandment:

"You must love your neighbour as yourself"

Instead of the all-in-it-together camaraderie that characterised the national response to the start of the pandemic, we are starting to see some signs of division in our society and a loss of solidarity within the regions of the UK.

Loving your neighbour as yourself is more important than ever as anger, fear and anxiety build. The effects of social isolation and the restrictions on the livelihoods of many people, wherever they live, are being increasingly felt. Love can be expressed in offering practical help, supporting the work of local charities and providing a listening ear to those in need. Different challenges may affect us all in a range of different ways. The guidance in the first reading asks us to be tolerant and understanding of the people around us, whether stranger or not.

"If he cries to me I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The extra challenges of lockdown and winter conditions will start to hit home when the clocks go backward this weekend. We need to approach winter with extra love, kindness and consideration to others and to ourselves. We can take comfort in the words of the Psalm.

*I Love you, Lord, my strength,
My rock my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
My shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.*

Jim and Maggie



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 Patricia Cox (Sister of Sheila Rush)

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 leukaemia. 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;

Janet (Jane) Jones, Angela May, Dolly Coffey, John Conlon, James Enright, Ursula Margaret Jean Van Well, Brian Dougan, George Hajdu (senior), Danny Jenkins, Kevin Geherty, Oliver Keogh, Monsignor Michael Hoban, Frederica Mary King, Theresa O'Shea, Christine Thompson, Cher-Vaughan Issel.