

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
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
30th May, 2021

This weekend's gospel is known as the Great Commission - Jesus gives His disciples an instruction to go out and make disciples of all nations. He also offers them reassurance to boost their confidence in the task: that He will be with them always until the end of time.

As Christians, we are also called to follow this instruction - some might embark on a missionary life across the globe or give themselves to religious life; but, for most of us, we might achieve this by simply trying to live a Christian life, as an example to others.

A few weeks ago Fr Michael spoke about how society, by and large, prefers to push religion to the sidelines these days and how important it is that our behaviour can really show what it is to be a Christian. People going to church is noticed; who knows how that may spark new curiosity in someone's life? We should consider our behaviour in our families and communities too - how do we treat the stranger or help those in need? Do others see Christ's love shining out from us?

I was really struck by a post football match interview given by Alisson Becker, the Liverpool goalkeeper, who had recently lost his father in tragic circumstances. He was thanking the footballing community for their support and in those messages, he could feel the love of God, *"This is the way God loves us, through people."*

I know I have felt the love of God when family and friends have supported me in times of need - I have been carried along on a wave of prayer and love.

This can be our mission - to be reflections of God's love in our communities and the wider world.

Mary



Prayers Please

Please pray for Vivien Kear who has a tumour on her eye and is having Proton Therapy (a type of radiation) in June.

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;

Mary "Jo" Clay, Maurice de Silva, Basil Iwasyki, Brenda Pearce, Arthur Burns, Ruth Coyne, Margaret Hamilton Jones, Olive Ryan, Lucy Shurvell, Sharon Ruddle, Sheila Smith, Eric Brent, James Curran, Seamus Keane.