

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
17th May, 2020
Pentecost

Pentecost is one of the most celebrated feasts of the Church. On the first Pentecost the gifts of the Holy Spirit inspired the disciples to begin their ministry. They had been praying together since the Ascension of Jesus but the Spirit enabled them to speak to the many different people who were in Jerusalem. Many thought they were drunk even though it was early in the day! From this small group the Church was born.

Sometimes even small actions can have far reaching effects. When Captain Tom decided to walk round his garden he could not have predicted the money raised nor the effect on the spirits of the nation

Clapping for Carers began as a tribute to the frontline NHS workers but has enabled many people to meet their neighbours-at a distance - and sometimes for the first time.

Sewing groups were set up to share skills and tips so that scrubs could be produced for healthcare workers. Many of us dusted down our machines and learned about overlocking and flat fell seams from people whom we will never meet. A shared sense of purpose to help those who work in the front line and the acquisition of new skills has helped some with mental health problems and some who are grieving.

Inspiration and the willingness to follow where it leads are fruits of the Spirit and often appear in the most unlikely disguises!

A parishioner



Prayers Please

Thank you for your prayers for Antonita's nephew Peppin who remains in hospital recovering from the coronavirus

Please pray for Clarina Rodrigues who has been taken into hospital.

Please pray for Ilona who has had a fall.

Please pray for Peter Bussell who has Alzheimer's disease and for his daughter who is his main carer.

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 Maddy Sharman who has started a new round of chemotherapy.

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 at a school open for keyworkers' children.

Please pray for children under stress.

Please prayer for all teachers — those still going into schools to give lessons to children with parents working on the frontline and those working out the technology to deliver their lessons from home.

Please pray for family and friends who work on the front line in the NHS and in the Care sector.



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, Adam Hilliard.

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family of **Maureen Kinnon** who died on 25th May

