

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 Body and Blood of Christ
6th June, 2021

As we celebrate Corpus Christi this week we are given a chance to reflect on the importance of the sacrament of Holy Communion and the mystery of transubstantiation which means that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host. A core element of life as a practicing Catholic will typically be the celebration of Mass and the sacrament of the Eucharist. Indeed, for those involved in Ecumenical celebrations it might often seem that the Catholic delegates are slightly obsessed with the celebration of the sacrament as, when other denominations may be content with spending time together in prayer and reflection, the Catholic delegations tend to think that it hasn't been done properly unless Mass has been celebrated.

Despite, or perhaps because of, the fact that for many Catholics, communal worship and Holy Communion come to be largely one and the same thing, we may not pause to think about the mystery of the sacrament and what it means to have Jesus truly present for us, with us and in us.

For myself, and perhaps for others in the congregation, the COVID restrictions mean that this year marks the second celebration of Corpus Christi where I will not be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament through either exposition or taking of communion. Indeed, it has now been over a year since I have been able to take communion. I have been extremely grateful to the efforts that made by all in the parish to enable continued "virtual" celebration of Mass throughout this time, However, this Corpus Christi I will be looking forward in hope that in the near future I will be able to return to Mass and to considering what that personal communion means to me.

A Parishioner



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;

Adam Hilliard, Oliver Keogh, Vera Marlein, Maureen Burke, Hugh Gilmartin, Sebastian Francico, Fr Tony Milledge, Stanley Francis Robinson, Al Terry, Bobby Alston, Arthur Burns, Eric Wright, Seta Goode, Mrs A King, Bridget McDonnell, Stanley Smith, Ena Wilson, Elisabeth Allison, Janine Coriue, Ron Theobald.