

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

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Jacqueline Da'Prato

Andrew, Sarah and James thank parishoners for their support during her illness and condolences on her death. The kindnesses shown were a true reflection of the spirit of St Thomas's. A donation has been made on your behalf to the Restoration Fund.

Thank you

The Correya and Scannell families would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during their time of bereavement. May God Bless you all.

During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.

Mass is live streamed and recorded as follows:

Monday 8am

Wednesday 10am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Prayer of spiritual communion *(St Alphonsus Liguori)*

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 14th February 2021

Today's readings revolve around healing and belief. Jesus risks touching a diseased man in order to heal him, while Paul talks about challenges of conscience in a world of differing beliefs. The invitation here is to be open to the call to trust that God is at work amid our fear of difference and "otherness" and our fear of the darkness within ourselves.

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The book of Leviticus shows us the practical implications of the Law of Moses. At a time when people had no defence against virulent diseases, rules are laid down which exclude those with skin diseases from wider society, for the protection of the whole people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Paul is talking to early Christians about how to behave when dining with pagans. Paul balances the freedom of the Spirit, which no longer requires strict adherence to the Law of Moses, and the need to avoid shocking the conscience of others.

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals a man with a virulent skin disease and puts himself at risk of being rendered ritually unclean in the process. There is nothing any of us could ever do that Jesus would not be willing to heal, at whatever cost to himself.



Responsorial Psalm

You are my refuge, O Lord: you fill me with the joy of salvation

A bitter-sweet week?

The good news is that it is half-term. So a little relief for you teachers and parents who are driven to distraction by the on-line lessons. Enjoy it. But then Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and so the beginning of Lent. It used to be all doom and gloom. Give up doing the things that you most like doing, like eating sweets or alcohol. Now the emphasis is on the positive. You always come to mass in great number on Ash Wednesday. We shall be streaming the mass at 10 am but it will be recorded so you can choose your time to log on. Lockdown is providing us with enough penance. Think about it. Pick out the good things God is giving us. Much caring and generosity is happening. It is time to enjoy – perhaps be a little patient – with the family. Think of the giving you are doing in this time when many are in need: food for the food banks, contacting lonely people by phone or text. These are this year's opportunities for "doing penance" with the discipline it imposes. And you do it willingly.

Communion preparation

All the families involved have this week received by email a video and Powerpoint to help them with the present chapter of their book: I Belong. Nicola and Teresa have produced an excellent aid. It contains lovely cartoon videos of Daniel in the lion's den and the caring shepherd that will brighten up this week's learning. And then in the video the children have acted out what you have to do. Children learn well from other children. So we are making good progress. Soon you will be ready for the first confessions, though at present I do not know how we can arrange them. God will show us.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be streamed at 10 am. I think we will need virtual ashes this year. The bishops have suggested we could stand at the door and sprinkle ashes on the top of your head. No touching of course. It really does not seem practical. You have had to put up with having no communion for so long. You can be patient with being deprived of ashes!



Lenten LUNCHES

As we are unable to host the annual Ecumenical Lenten LUNCHES this year, we are hoping to have a virtual lunch on Tuesday 23rd February via Zoom from 1200 to 1.30 – details to follow next week. We aim to get together with a bowl of our own soup and meet up with other regulars. Of course our regular charity Mary's Meals will miss out on our fundraising this year but if you would like to contribute to their funds, their details can be found on their website, www.marysmeals.org.uk. - they would be very grateful for any contributions.

CAFOD APPEAL

Family Fast day will take place on 26th February. Please visit our website for more information about how you can donate

Mass Intentions

Sunday 14th February

People of the parish
Michael Carrig RIP
Thomas Gray anniversary

Monday 15th February

Stephen R Garrett anniversary
Ursula Hodgson RIP
Simon Eustace RIP

Tuesday 16th February

Paul McDonnell anniversary
Margaret Whelan RIP
Veronica McHale

Wednesday 17th February

Jacqueline Da Prato RIP
Sr Teresa Quinn
Deceased brethren

Thursday 18th February

Michael Carrig RIP
Teik Ghee Saw anniversary
Trinity intentions

Funeral Sean Connolly

Friday 19th February

Margaret Wilson anniversary
Suzanne Francis RIP

Saturday 20th February

Anthony Murphy RIP
Seamus Fitzpatrick v ill
Stubbings family thanks

Sunday 21st February

People of the parish
Kevin Hopkins RIP
Sr Sandra H Family



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Compass in Lent reflecting together

Religious Life: the theory & the stories

Each Friday we gather together on Zoom from 7-8.15pm. There will be a short input on some aspect of religious life and then a guest speaker will share her/his vocation story. The meeting will also include a time for sharing, questions and discussion. Who? – Young adults 18-35
When? Fridays in Lent starting on 19th February 2021
Time? 7pm -8.15pm

Zoom link: email us on CompassCVP@gmail.com for the link and for any other information.

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4TfXt3n8L>



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