

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately Dead: Peter Hayes, Joseph Larkin, Veronica Wakely

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Dissanayake Chandradasa, Carl Harris De Run, Nora Eustace, Jenie Kenny, Sister Josepha Loughman, Patricia Pieroni, Patrick Gallagher, Kenny Kingman, Raymond Wood, Philomena Archer, Maria Ferrari, Anthony Rae, Mary Tobin, Josephine Gorman, John Huggins, May Samuels, Agnes Scully, Dora Steel, Cecil Harrison, John Tague, Maureen Weetman, Nena Morris .

Prayer of spiritual communion

(St Alphonsus Liquori)

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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St Thomas' Opening times for Private prayer

Tuesday 10am to 12 noon

Thursday 2pm to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 12 noon



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12th Sunday Cycle A Sunday 21st June 2020

Every human being knows fear; in today's Mass, Jesus shows that fear need not dominate our lives.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah begs God to grant him peace from the enemies who are whispering against him.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

As through one person, Adam, sin entered the world, so through one person, Jesus, grace has abounded even more.

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus urges us not to fear: in the Father's sight, the very hairs of our head are numbered.



One step towards resuming normal practice

When we go to a friend's house and get no reply to the doorbell we are disappointed. That never happens (in ordinary times) with a Catholic church. Jesus is always at home, and welcoming. There is an exception on Good Friday. The tabernacle lies open for Jesus is dead. Keenly we feel the emptiness of the church on that day. Well at least everyone can now come to pick up again that good practice of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. It is feature of very many catholic churches that the chapel where Jesus is housed is constantly frequented by people quietly praying, many for hours on end. Recently the stress has been on praying at home. That of course is absolutely basic. We take it for granted that in every home there is individual prayer and, we hope, some measure of family praying together. Being able also to talk to Jesus physically present in the Blessed Sacrament is a bonus we catholics enjoy.

Lucky friars

We in the Friary have been specially privileged during the lockdown. Each day we have concelebrated the mass all together. We have time to take it leisurely. Distractions are fewer. For my part it has taken me deeper into the mystery we celebrated last Sunday. That Jesus calls us priests to say together: This is my body. We each have our allotted part to play in bringing Jesus truly present onto the altar, so it is a true statement of fact. Then Jesus comes into me. He is there already in spirit, through sacraments. Lockdown has made it easier to keep a little of this sense of Jesus being with me through the hours of the day. We are privileged. I hope it will not be long before you can again share this privilege with us. It is your right.

Best opening times?

So: Thank God for the first step towards freedom to use his house as normal. We were delighted that so many came on the first two days to spend time with Jesus. It is too early to know whether we have got the opening times right. So we will continue for the coming week to open on Tuesday and Saturday from 10-12 and Thursday from 2-4 pm. We have followed instructions to the letter, ensuring hand sanitising, keeping physically distant at least 2 metres and thoroughly sanitising the church after each session. It is our concern and responsibility to make sure everyone is as safe as is possible. But we all have difficult decisions to make as we weigh all the factors involved as the rigour of lockdown eases.

Education, mental health, jobs and having sufficient money to keep the family have all suffered to differing degrees. Our life with God has been deprived of many of its supports. The need for it only grows. Please tell us when the best opening times are.

Gone to God

Peter Hayes died last weekend. With Joan he has been a great contributor to the life of our parish for 60 years. Our sympathy to Margaret, David and Michael. Veronica Wakely, well known and very active in earlier times has also died. May they enjoy life with God forever.

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all...This is the time to take the decisive step, to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it." Pope Francis



Join us for
Mass on-line
live this Sunday
at 10am

Mass Intentions

Sunday 21st June

People of the parish
Mrs Rose Cracknell RIP
Stubbings family thanksgiving

Monday 22nd June

Christopher O'Toole RIP
Adrian & Emma Anderson wed ann

Tuesday 23rd June

Olena Khorvat RIP
Mary Griffin RIP

Wednesday 24th June

Peter Hayes RIP
Richard Mardai RIP

Thursday 25th June

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Trinity intentions

Friday 26th June

Veronica Wakely RIP
Sr Vivienne RIP

Saturday 27th June

Ennio Santobuono RIP

Sunday 28th June

People of the parish
Peter Hayes RIP
Natalia Khorvat

Fr Austin writes Corpus Christi in Lockdown

A wise family will say to itself: We will all be home at regular times, we will try to eat together, and we will be around in the living room at least once a day—even if it isn't exciting, even if real feelings aren't shared, even if some are bored, and even if some are protesting that this isn't worthwhile.

We will do this because, if we don't, we will soon fall apart as a family. To stay together we need regular, straight-forward, predictable, daily rituals. We need the manna of daily presence to each other. Otherwise we'll die.

In the Eucharist, God sustains us in just this way, as his family.

We Pray....

We need to be on fire again for our hope is no longer an easy hope. We live in a culture of despair within which Pentecost can no longer be taken for granted. Hence we must take upon ourselves the burden of the times and refuse to make the Holy Spirit a piece of private property

Head Teacher Vacancy

St Winefrides Catholic Primary School
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