

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately Dead:

Eamonn Gaughan, Angela Barrett,
Dona Anna Maria Costa da Silva,
Frederick Glock,

We offer our condolences to the families.

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Chu Chin Ooi, Sarah Saunders,
Saunders Wilkie, Mary Wilkinson,
Patricia Biggs, James Cavanagh, Reece
Doyley, Carlton Hayes, Rosina Marshall,
Sister Margaret O'Brien, Anna Ayles,
Thelma Fogg, Sister Conrad McCarthy,
Anne Newton, Helen O'Donovan, Hazel
Wilding, James Brown, Sr Madeleine
Carey, Alexander, John (Sean) Gilligan,
Julia Harris, Oluwarotimi Olateju, Colin
Taylor, Hannah Dowdell, Lourdes
Fernandez, Harry Kelley, Kathleen
Mallott, Gerhard Michna, Alice Tucker.



**Pray the Rosary to
unite in prayer for the
pandemic to end**

STAY HOME

STAY SAFE

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2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday Cycle A Sunday 19th April

This day is a continuation of our Easter celebrations, where we proudly have alleluia as our song. We come into the Lord's presence today, conscious of the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Day after day the Lord added to the number of the disciples those who were being saved.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

By his great mercy, God the Father has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel John 20:19-31

The disciples received the wondrous gift of peace from the Lord Jesus when they were locked away in a state of fear.



Responsorial psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Holy Week

We were fortunate in being able to celebrate nearly all the liturgies of Holy Week. We missed you though since your presence and joining in positively are an essential part of the proper celebration.

We felt that the usual liturgy for Good Friday afternoon was impossible without you and especially the choir. Instead we shared our skills and resources and managed to stream the Stations of the Cross. From the Becket the sound was better. It was a bonus that we could stream most of the services though, thanks to the skills and generosity of our streaming team. You in turn found this beneficial. Thank you for all the messages affirming the exercise.

What next? Again we in the friary are the fortunate ones. For we have a regular pattern of prayer in common throughout each day. However when parish life is buzzing as normally it does in St Thomas many of us are otherwise committed and so we have to fit in our prayer individually around these commitments. Now in self-isolation we are regularly together. How about you? Holy Week provides a framework for prayer. Now each week everyone has to make their own.

This is important in these troubled days. The lockdown gives us the chance to catch up on many things neglected when we are busy. Our life of prayer surely is one of these. The pandemic is part of God's plan for us just as was Calvary. Incomprehensible that a loving God could allow such suffering – but it is the tool and opportunity for us to grow to the stature of Christ. We hear that hard times lie ahead even when the plague relents. Now is the time for us to lay, through prayer, the foundation for our changed life of the future, however that may pan out.

Pope Francis speaks during lockdown

Pope Francis' English biographer, Austen Ivereigh recently asked him for an interview involving his answer to 6 questions. He agreed and in doing so last week gave us powerful insights and suggestions for our time of lockdown. We will look at several of these in coming weeks.

First Austen asked him how he is living this experience spiritually: "I am praying more. I think of people. I'm thinking of my own responsibility now and what will come afterwards. What will be my service as Bishop of Rome and Head of the church? The aftermath has already begun to be revealed as tragic and painful, which is why we must be thinking of it now." He reports that he is working closely with the Vatican Department

That surely sets out a possible programme for us in the uncertain times ahead. Francis concludes this section: "A time of uncertainty is a time for inventing, for creativity." So it is definitely not a time for going back to past securities.

How are we in St Thomas' involved in this, when finally we can come together to talk, and to act. **Promotion of Human Development.** Is that the task we see ahead of us? What does he mean? Is it something happening on one level in your homes? Then: is it the responsibility of politicians, business leaders, bankers, employers, entertainers, sportspeople as they set their targets and objectives?

Mass Intentions

We shall continue to offer masses as you requested. The principal intention for this week are:

Sunday 19th

People of parish
Eileen Green

Monday 20th

Ettorina Mase RIP
Mary McKay int

Tuesday 21st

Sisters of Marian House

Wednesday 22nd

Sister Catherine Collins

Thursday 23rd

Christina Harding RIP

Friday 24th

Aaron RIP

Saturday 25th

Vincent Darragh RIP

Sunday 26th

People of parish
John Doherty RIP

Gift Aid Statements 2019/2020

We are planning to send out the Gift Aid Statements for 2019/2020 financial year over the next few weeks. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to receive one. The letters will be emailed to everyone whose emails are on the system. The email will come from giftwiseonline@carnsoftware.co.uk. If you would like a Statement to be posted, please give us a call on 0208 504 1868.



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



Loving God,
I feel myself being renewed by your life, yet I hesitate to upend my life. Help me this day to speak with boldness and take refuge in you. Help me to trust that your Spirit is in the wind that touches me each day and remind me of the Easter joy that gives me new strength to serve you.



Peace be to you!