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Triduum Newsletter



These are very sad times, but I hope everyone is well and keeping safe. We approach the Easter Triduum; a time when we are usually back and forward to Church for the great liturgies. This year will be like no other. We are called to be Church in a new and different way. We, sadly, cannot come to church but the Church can enter our homes in a very special way to remind everyone that **we, the people, are the Church**. Let's celebrate the most sacred of times as best we can, perhaps timetable your own spiritual celebration of the ceremonies; the times I will be celebrating the Easter liturgies as follows:

[Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper](#)

[Good Friday 3pm The Passion of the Lord](#)

[Holy Saturday 7.30pm Easter Vigil](#)

You may wish to join me spiritually in prayer or in these exceptional times, you may wish to join in services through the internet using: churchservices.tv which provides a good choice throughout the UK and Ireland, and also includes **Bishop John** leading services from our own Salford Cathedral on churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral

Or you may wish to join the Holy Father in Rome. **Pope Francis's schedule** for the Triduum is expected as follows:

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 9 at 5pm UK time.)

The Lord's Passion on Good Friday, (April 10, at 5 p.m. UK time) and also Station of the Cross - Via Crucis, at 8pm (UK time).

Easter Vigil on April 11, at 8pm UK time

On Easter Sunday morning, April 12, there will be a Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, in the basilica, and, at the end of Mass, the Holy Father will impart his blessing "Urbi et Orbi"—to the city of Rome ("Urbi") and to the world ("Orbi"). Please check vaticannews.va if you wish to follow these services

RADIO MASS If you do not have the benefit of the internet **Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Catholic service for Easter Sunday will be broadcast at 8am on Easter Sunday, 12th April, on local BBC radio stations - BBC Radio Manchester or BBC Radio Lancashire.**

As I write, I have just returned from Church, having celebrated Palm Sunday Mass for our parish community, I am keeping you all in my prayers and we all pray for an end to this pandemic. Palms are now blessed and I look forward to the day when these can be collected, and we can gather once more around the Table of the Lord as a family of God and a Parish Community.

We must nurture our faith more than ever in times which are very challenging. We pray that this may be truly graced time for all of us and our families. Keep our focus on the Lord!

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter

Fr Alf

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.

Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield

Lately Dead: Nicole Poirier

Anniversaries: Eileen Gill

Mass Intentions: Nicole Poirier, Eileen Gill, Victor Gill (Birthday Remembrance), Isabelle Owen (Birthday Remembrance) and her family, Joseph Fitzgerald, For all working in NHS and public services

Let us also pray for all key workers who are on the front-line during this current pandemic. We thank them for all they are doing and ask the Lord to keep them safe.

Hope In The Future

We pray for the people of the parish of The Good Shepherd, Colne, and for Mgr. Peter Wilkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools, for Fisher-More College and for Pendle Community Hospital.

Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6):

We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

Loving Lord, please give us strength to cope for the good of society and the entire community.

We pray and give thanks for Pope Francis. Let us follow his lead and trust in the mercy and justice of God during this uncertain time. Lord hear us...

We pray for our own church community. May we continue to be united in prayer during this time of separation. Let us give thanks for one another and keep each other close in thought and prayer. Lord hear us...

We pray for the health and safety of all NHS workers. May God bless and protect them as they battle at the front line. May they feel God's guiding love and their bravery strengthened by our gratefulness. Lord hear us...

We pray for supermarket workers. Let us show them kindness and support as they work hard to ensure we are nourished. Let us be considerate and patient within our communities and come to the assistance of those in need. Lord hear us...

During our own social distancing period, let us remember those inspiring individuals like Nelson Mandela and Terry Waite that suffered years of solitary confinement and torture. Let their lives be a reminder to us to give thanks for every day the Lord has gifted us. Lord hear us...

We pray for all those that have lost their lives through the pandemic, may they sleep in heavenly peace. We pray for their families and loved ones and we ask our loving Lord to comfort them through their loss and grief. Lord hear us...

Lord, our God, we come to you in this time of need. We give thanks for You and lift our voices to your heavenly kingdom.

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

In these sad times, let us pray for all those affected by the Corona virus; may those who are affected be healed quickly and may those who are living in isolation know the support and love which surrounds them.

We pray for doctors, nurses, carers, scientists and all who are working so hard, to be given the strength and the courage they need to respond to this crisis. We pray that the spread of will soon be brought under control.

And finally let us commend to the Father, the souls of the lately departed that they may enjoy eternal rest and their families may be consoled by the Lord and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER FROM ROME FOR THE PANDEMIC

An additional prayer has been introduced to the Good Friday liturgy. The Solemn Intercessions, which are derived from ancient prayers, are prayed on Good Friday for various categories of people, including the Pope; Bishops, priests and deacons; the faithful; catechumens, other Christians; the Jewish people; those who do not believe in Christ; those who do not believe in God; those in public office; and those in special need. This year a new prayer is titled "For the afflicted in time of pandemic" is set out as follows:

"Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died."

After a moment of silent prayer, the priest prays: *"Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

CAFOD: Thank you for the recent collection for Fast Day. Your kind contributions amounted to: £1,368.54.

Church Services Online: Fortunately, there are many online resources available to help you with your prayers at this time, including the daily live streaming of Holy Mass. For links go to: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources