Newsletter for the Parish of

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER **YEAR A** **19th April 2020**

There will be no public Mass celebrations but
Fr Kieran will celebrate Mass privately for us all

Second Sunday of Easter	May Green Anniversary
Monday, weekday of Easter	Bridget Higgins L.D.
Tuesday, weekday of Easter	Special Intention
Wednesday, weekday of Easter	Lily Farrimond Birthday Mem.
Thursday, Solemnity of St George	Cath Ellis R.I.P.
Friday, weekday of Easter	Peter & Irene James Anniv.
Saturday, Feast of St Mark	Catiline Bradbury & Len Pritchard
Third Sunday of Easter	Anniversary

We are living in times where we find ourselves very much out of our daily routines. But we can be sure of one thing that never changes: Easter. Last Saturday night I celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church and on Easter Sunday morning I celebrated Mass at St Joseph's Church. Even though we are not physically present together, we are together through the power of the Holy Spirit and I feel very close to you and I hold you all in Mass.
During these difficult times, we live in hope that we will get over this pandemic crisis and one day will return to some sort of normality. For the moment, we pray for our NHS staff; those who work in nursing homes; in supermarkets and shops; in transport; those who work for the local authorities; the emergency services and armed forces. We pray for the sick at home and in hospital and those that have sadly died, especially those who have died of the Covid-19 virus and we pray for their families.
Take care, keep safe and God bless you and your loved ones.
Fr. Kieran

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3.00pm Fr. Paul Grady will broadcast an Hour of Grace with prayers and adoration praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and concluding with Benediction. You will find the link on the website.

Collections

Obviously with the Churches closed at the moment, we can't give financial support as normal. You can wait until we are back together again and give what you have collected or you can put your offering through the letterbox at Sacred Herat or St Joseph's, or you may want to set up a direct debit. Whatever you decide, thank you for your generosity!

Our Sanctuary Lamps will shine for....

Saturday 181th April -
Friday 24th April
Catherine Bailey
All NHS Staff & Front line workers

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.

Also, those who have died recently, especially Margaret Case, and whose anniversaries occur at this time

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Coronavirus has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in several countries where we work. Its spread to countries with poor health systems will be devastating. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. Our local experts need your support to continue protecting lives.

"May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees and the homeless. May these, the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, not be abandoned. Let us ensure that they do not lack basic necessities."
Pope Francis, Easter Urbi et Orbi message

Prayer for the end of Corona Virus
Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.
We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.
Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.
Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.
We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.
We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.
Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

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