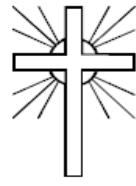


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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Sunday 29th March 2020

Fr Martin writes:

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Canon John Berry, parish priest of Eastwood, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Canon John was admitted to hospital early last week, and tested positive for Covid-19. A brief committal ceremony is expected to take place at a crematorium. The date has not been publicly announced and there will not be the facility for mourners to attend, other than, possibly, Canon Berry's immediate next of kin.

Confession without a priest. Fr Martin writes.

As you know, we had to postpone the Reconciliation Service planned for earlier this month, and during Lent, I'd usually be visiting housebound people who had indicated their desire for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I'd usually be seeing more people visit the confessional at St Mary Crowned and at All Saints. But in these present circumstances, we are denied that opportunity, and I was planning to write something for you about what the church teaches about seeking reconciliation with God when confession isn't available.

Then I found that Pope Francis -- God bless and preserve him! – had beaten me to it.

This is a translation of what the Holy Father (speaking in Italian) told people. "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'".

Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.'

Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'Afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

When all of this is over, I pray, we'll once again have many opportunities for people to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But Pope Francis makes an important point, that God's grace is given at once, not withheld until a person keeps their promise to go to confession. So nobody need ever be anxious thinking something like, "But what if I don't get better and can't keep that promise?" God's mercy prevails!

Fr Martin writes:

Bishop Patrick has instructed priests who are aged seventy and over, and those who have a health condition which requires them to self-isolate, to stand down temporarily from external pastoral ministry. These priests are still happy, eager even, to continue to support their parishioners by phone, but they may not leave their presbytery for pastoral ministry, nor admit visitors to their presbytery for pastoral ministry. **The remaining priests in each deanery have been tasked with taking on the ministry that the older and less healthy priests must put aside for now.** Locally, that means Fr Martin and Fr Daniel are between them ministering to people in parishes in Chapel-en-le-Frith, Tideswell, Charlesworth, Gamesley, Hadfield, Glossop, Marple Bridge and New Mills.

Experience from hospital ministry, and from other long term emergencies, shows that in a long term crisis anyone on call day 24 hours, seven days a week, non-stop, soon becomes too unwell to continue.

As Bishop Patrick wrote to his clergy, "This is a marathon, not a sprint." So Fr Daniel and Fr Martin are taking turns at being the priest on call for 24 hours at a time. To ring the duty priest, at any hour of day or night, please phone the special emergency number: 01457 620272. You will hear some information, then you can press a button on your phone to be connected automatically to whichever priest, Fr Daniel or Fr Martin, is the priest on call when you phone.

Please pray for all our priests in this difficult time.

Some Useful Phone Numbers

Tyme Café	01457 852520	Hot meals delivered
Kimberley's	01457 856156	Hot/cold meals delivered (Min. order £10)
Pepino Deli	01457 237010	Hot/cold meals delivered with Victoria Lounge
Roy Green's Butchers	01457 852455	Home delivery
Mettrick's Butchers	01457 852239	Home Delivery
The Bread Shop	01457 862233	Home Delivery
The Muffin Stall	07519 491402	Ring & Collect
Boots Pharmacy	01457 852011	Home Delivery
Cohen's Chemist	01457 852044	Home Delivery
Well Pharmacy	01457 864127	Home Delivery
Helping Hands	07923542896	Need any help with anything (Wynn Moran/Rob Faulkner)
The Bureau	01457 865572	General support

British Summer Time:

Begins this Sunday, clocks move forward at 2am.

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Joint Parish Pastoral council: 08445 880856. Jenny Cieslik, Lorraine Doyle, Esme Hall, Christine Hulley, Ann King, Natalie Mellor-Fallon, Sandra Mellor-Fallon, Sue Nash, Barbara Payne and Fr Martin Sylvester. (Calls to 0844 numbers cost 7p/min plus your network charge. The parish does not receive any income from this charge - it is retained by the virtual switchboard service provider.)		
Parish Newsletter Editor	Liz Nash	Sub-Editor Maddy Brown
Website	www.glossopcatholics.org.uk	The Glossop Catholic Parishes are bound by Diocesan Privacy Policy – see http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy

Parish Events This Week

Please note that all meetings and groups are cancelled for the time being.

The week ahead:

Sun 29 5 th Sunday of Lent	Mon 30 Monday of the 5 th week of Lent
Tue 31 Tuesday of the 5 th week of Lent	Wed 1 Wednesday of the 5 th week of Lent
Thu 2 Thursday of the 5 th week of Lent (commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola)	
Fri 3 Friday of the 5 th week of Lent	Sat 4 Saturday of the 5 th week of Lent (commemoration of St Isidore)
Sun 5 Palm Sunday	

Mass Intentions for the week beginning 28th March, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For Maureen Elliot RIP; For the recovery from Covid-19 of Alexander Tshuggvel (J&CB); For Clare Massey RIP (M&DT); For S&P Mitcheson, their wedding anniversary; For Elizabeth Haslem (ED); and For the Holy Souls.

There are some ways people can hear Mass online.

Every Sunday at 10am, Bishop Patrick will livestream his Mass from his private chapel, using his YouTube channel. There will not be a congregation present. You can find the channel by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/patricktube>

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be continuing their livestreaming service, and they plan to show Holy Mass at 9.30am every day. There will not be a congregation present. <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

This week's Readings are: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45

Fr Martin writes:

There are, thankfully, many opportunities for people with a smartphone, tablet, Chromebook, laptop, computer or Smart TV to watch Holy Mass through streaming services, from places as special as Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham and the private chapel of our own Bishop Patrick. See above for information. New services are being added all the time.

I was thinking about people who do not have any of those devices,

and I have found a way for people to listen to Holy Mass using any telephone -

It's not certain that it will work, and so I would like to run an experiment. God willing, I shall use the system to audio-stream Holy Mass on Wednesday at 12:15pm. If you would like to listen in (and so help to establish if it does work), all you need to do is phone 020 7660 8149 and when the system asks you for a meeting number, use your telephone keypad to enter 145 933 163. Dial carefully, so you don't end up in somebody else's meeting instead of Holy Mass! Try to phone at about ten past twelve. Try to set your phone to mute, so people won't be disturbed by any sound your phone picks up from the room you're in. Since this is an experiment, if you can't hear anything straight away, wait until about 12:25 before you give up. There will be periods of silence during Holy Mass, so don't be too eager to think you've lost your connection and hang up.

Up to a hundred people can listen in at the same time, but if more than a hundred people have dialled in, the latest to arrive won't be able to join. The cost will be whatever it costs you to make a landline phone call -- for some people, these are included in a package from their phone or mobile provider.

How to receive your weekly Newsletter:

If you would like to receive the Newsletter each week, here are a few ways to get it:

1. If you would like your Newsletter emailed to you each week, email Liz Nash at enash@loretogrammar.co.uk
2. Look on the parish website, www.glossopcatholics.org.uk the Newsletter is put there on Saturday afternoon.
3. Some volunteers are delivering copies that they have made after using one of the above methods, so ask someone you know who has computer facilities, or phone Sue Nash on 01457 862128.
4. Post some stamped self-addressed envelopes (check you've used the correct stamp!) to Fr Martin (address above) and he will post a copy to you each week.



A huge 'Thank you' for your generosity and support during Lent. We raised a grand total of £715.70 :- Fast Day envelopes £174.70 , St Patrick's Celebration £541. A special thanks to our band of musicians who so generously gave their time and talents! Thank you everyone!

Coronavirus and Helping Hands: During the outbreak, Helping Hands volunteers will be available to help the housebound or quarantined who need any of the following: picking up shopping, posting mail, a friendly phone call, or any urgent supplies. Email: bellevue37@yahoo.com or Tel: 07923542896

The Tuesday Walking Group have suspended their walks for the time being, and will meet again when it is safe.