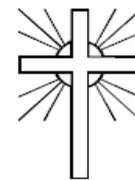


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2020

Sunday 19th April 2020

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr Stephan Foster, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. A committal service for Fr Stephan is expected to take place within the next fortnight.

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr Joseph McGovern, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Fr McGovern's committal service is expected to take place within the coming fortnight.

Prayer group update

The prayer group has been meeting online regularly since the guidelines on social distancing meant our regular meetings were suspended.

We keep everyone in our parishes in our prayers, and know that there are a lot of people helping others with practical and emotional support to cope especially if they are self-isolating because of their age or health concerns.

If you would like us to pray for your special intentions, or if you'd like to speak to somebody and pray together over the phone, please contact Jenny or Barbara, who are members of the PPC, whose telephone numbers are at the top of the newsletter.

This is a difficult time for many people who are not connected to their usual social network or the internet, and whose lifeline is the telephone. They are unable to access the online Masses which are a great comfort to many people.

There is an ecumenical service on the radio on Sunday mornings at 8.10 on Radio 4, the next one will be on 19th April. It is called Meeting in the Lockdown, a virtual service from Holy Trinity Platt Manchester, reflecting on the experience of the disciples after the Resurrection when Jesus came to them in the upper room.

The Magnificat is a very useful resource of daily readings for mass, morning and evening prayers, and reflections.

It is available on subscription- telephone 020 7448 3608.

Please see overleaf for more ways to nourish your faith and raise your spirits during this difficult time.

Prayer in a time of corona virus:

For the health workers tending the seriously ill, for the scientists working on a vaccination, for the researchers analysing data and identifying trends, for the media outlets working to communicate reality for the supermarket workers, hygiene and sanitation providers, for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning,

for the singing from balconies by locked-down communities, for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness,

for the notes through letterboxes offering help and support, for the internet and telephones and technology that connects, for the awakened appreciation of what is truly important

Thanks be to God.

For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones, for those who were already very anxious, for those immune suppressed or compromised, for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions, for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories,

for those watching their entire income stream dry up, for those who have no choice but to go out to work, for those who are afraid to be at home, for those who are more lonely than they've ever been, for those who are bereaved and grieving.

God be their healer, comfort and protection,

be their strength, shield and provision, be their security, safety and close companion, And raise up your Church, to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet, to be present to the pain, to respond with love in action, if even from a safe distance.

God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

(Christianaid.org.uk)

Coronavirus and Helping Hands:

Helping Hands volunteers are 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.

During the lockdown so far, Helping Hands has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection.

Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house.

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Parish Liturgy This Week

The week ahead:

Sun 19 Second Sunday of Easter	Mon 20 Easter Feria
Tue 21 St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor	Wed 22 Easter Feria
Thu 23 St George, Martyr, Patron of England	Fri 24 St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
Sat 25 St Mark, Apostle & Evangelist	Sun 26 Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Saturday 18th April, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls (on Saturday and on days without other intentions scheduled); For the people of the parish;
For John Cullen RIP (KC); For Anthony and Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon, RIP;
For Tony Payne RIP (birthday memorial); and For Canon Michael Hazell RIP.

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

Bishop Patrick has decided to offer a simple Mass at Bishop's House to live stream at 11 am this Sunday, the Cathedral Mass will be at 10 am celebrated by the Cathedral clergy. The Bishop is also offering at 3 pm on Sunday, a period of prayer before the image of the Divine Mercy and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Bishops House.

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham continues its livestreaming service throughout the week. To connect to these services, please visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/livestreams and select the church you wish to view.

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31

There are two Catholic publishers who have a vast selection of books and pamphlets to nourish our faith and raise our spirits, and for those who don't have access to the internet, print media are specially important at times like this. Thankfully, both of the publishers still take orders by phone, and will send a free catalogue on request.

Redemptorist Publications (who publish books for Anglicans as well as for Catholics): 01420 88222 (it looks like that number is too short, but it is correct).

CTS Books (the Catholic Truth Society) will happily talk to you to find a book you might find helpful, though their catalogue is not being posted this week: 020 7640 0002. They have reduced the price of the paperback missal to £1 to help people who want to read the Sunday readings but do not have access to the internet. People with internet access can find these publishers listed in the links section of the parish website, www.glossopcatholics.org.uk.

POUSTINIA, A SACRED SPACE WITHIN THE HOME: In these times of closed churches and social distancing, let us continue to pray for our Priests for one another and for ourselves.

"It is not essential for people to travel to church in order to pray. We have to learn more and more that our prayer is rooted in our hearts and can be shared with our families". **Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols.**

In these days of lockdown to fight off the Coronavirus a new depth of silence has settled upon the earth.

"To grow spiritually we must increase the silence in our lives. Catherine Doherty in her book '**Poustinia**' reminds us that spiritual growth happens only when silence and simplicity are tightly woven into our lives. She reminds us that we have forgotten that simply sitting in the silent presence of one who loves God is often enough to bring healing to the deepest of wounds." — "A New Paradigm of Christian Ministry for the 21st Century," by Dick Rauscher

Poustinia, a Russian word, means a desert a place to meet Christ in silence, solitude and prayer. Many Retreat Centres and Religious Houses set aside as a Poustinia.

Catherine suggests that we all need to create a space for **Poustinia** within our own hearts and our own homes.

We may not have a room to set aside, Maybe just a quiet corner, somewhere that can be our own little holy space. We might create a little Altar. A small table, or the seat of a chair can serve as an 'Altar'. Drape a pretty cloth over the back or hang a crucifix/rosary/favourite holy picture. On the seat we might have a small white cloth. A simple cross or something of special symbol. A bible, a missal, a book of prayer.

We enter our **Poustinia** empty handed or bring something of special meaning to us at that time. A flower, a photograph. Maybe light a candle. Kneel or sit comfortably, make the sign of the cross, then in silence focus on God's love for you and for all whom you carry in your heart of hearts. Stay for as long as you are able at that time and pray in whatever way is best for you.