

Prayers for use in time of lockdown:

O Almighty God, who in thy wrath did send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of Pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering thy mercy didst save the rest; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the ordinariate liturgy)

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing
and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable
and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to
trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one
another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our
land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our
compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your
protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your
Son, Jesus.

Amen. (from the Archdiocese of Los
Angeles, USA)

Saint Sebastian, pray for us!
Saint Frances of Rome, pray for us!
Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
Saint Charbel the Miracle Worker, pray for us!
Saint Pius of Pietralicina, pray for us!
Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline
Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'
Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks,
Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia
Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz
Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott,
Charlotte Essex.

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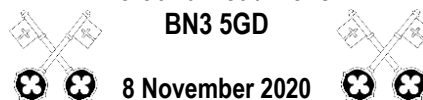
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Fr Alexander writes: As you know, we live in uncertain times, and forward planning is difficult, but the decision by the government to ban the public celebration of the liturgy causes, as Cardinal Vincent Nichols has said, anguish. Moreover, despite the Cardinal's request to know how exactly this would stop the spread of Covid, answer came there none from the government. Nevertheless, even though we do not believe that this will help in any way, with heavy hearts, public Masses have ceased for the foreseeable future. One hopes they will resume for December, but even that cannot be taken as certain. In the meantime, the Church is open for private prayer. Do please avail yourself of this, and your parish priest will be in the Church as much as he can manage to be. The opening times will be 10.30am until dusk, every day bar Thursday. There will be a streamed Mass at 10am every day bar Thursday. Every Mass has an intention, but please note that these have been slightly re-arranged where the Mass schedule has demanded it.

Mass Intentions for the weeks starting 8 November

Sunday 8 November 10am For all parishioners/The War Dead
Monday 9 November 10am Basil Reynaud RIP
Tuesday 10 November 10am Michael Green RIP
Wednesday 11 November 10am GE Cheryl Evans
Thursday 12 November No Mass
Friday 13 November 10am Linda Hayes and Tom Martin RIP
Saturday 14 November 10am Staunton intention
Sunday 15 November All parishioners/Fr Albert van der Most
Monday 16 November 10am Mary Peyton RIP
Tuesday 17 November 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP
Wednesday 18 November 10am Holy Souls
Thursday 19 November No Mass
Friday 20 November 10am Tom J. Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 21 November 10am Anna Zambito RIP
Sunday 22 November 10am All Parishioners
Monday 23 November Maureen Hardiman RIP
Tuesday 24 November Enza Arnone RIP
Wednesday 25 November Holy Souls

Liturgical Notes:

November is the month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate the Daily Mass for the Dead. Details of feast days appear on our website, on our twitter stream and on our Facebook each and every day. Please do look if you have a computer or phone and can be online. Please do join our Facebook if you can, if only just to follow the parish. And please pass on what you read to those who

have no computer. Some people have said that they were grateful for following the online Mass down the phone last lockdown.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said: "Do not be afraid, because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us."

We now have a picture of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. It is not a very good one, only a poster downloaded from the Internet, but it will do until we get a better one. Moreover, we have copies of the Novena to the young Blessed. Please take a copy and use it. We also have a picture of Saint Rita of Cascia, and numerous prayer cards as well as some of Saint Claire and Saint Francis of Assisi. The picture of Saint Rita of Cascia is on display and awaits framing.

What is a Novena? A novena (from Latin: novem – 'nine';) is an ancient tradition of devotion, consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days. The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, when the disciples gathered in the upper room and devoted themselves to prayer, is regarded as the first novena. Novenas are usually made with a request for some grace from God through the Saint or Blessed's intercession.

Registration forms for First Holy Communion (normally done in year three) and for Confirmation (normally done in year ten) are at the back of the Church. The closing date for registration for both courses is 6 December. Both courses will start in January. Because of restricted space and resources, we regret that will not be accepting registrations from outside the parish. In addition, we are unable to accept late registrations. As in previous years, Fr

Alexander will visit all the candidates at home when they have registered.

We are once still collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

All forthcoming events are suspended until further notice. When things resume, we will let you know. However, **the funeral of Annette Butcher is taking place on Thursday 12 November at 1pm**, and the Blessing of the graves is taking place as usual.

Please wear a mask in Church, please observe social distancing, and please leave a tag where you sit, so your seat can be cleaned afterwards. If you take this newsletter, please take it home with you. Please try not to handle things that others may touch, such as the glass, the statues, and the doorknobs. We are keeping the Church well ventilated, so that is why it may be cold, having been advised that this is the best way to avoid the spread of Covid.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

559. In the Church are there different ways of praying? In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith. It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is always related to Jesus Christ.

560. What is the way of our prayer? The way of our prayer is Christ because prayer is directed to God our Father but reaches him only if we pray – at least implicitly – in the name of Jesus. His humanity is in effect the only way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to our Father. Therefore, liturgical prayers conclude with the formula: "Through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Please note that even though we have no public Masses at the moment, any donations for the church may be posted through the letterbox at the Presbytery.

200 Club October Winners:

Congratulations to:

- Claire Gwynn - £50
- Sylvia Garner - £90
- Eleanor Bell - £200

Parish Notice Board

We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Free First Holy Communion Dresses: - Two lovely dresses aged 7 and 10 if any one would like them please contact Rita on 07823 886837.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org

Curious about Catholics? To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.

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