



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE : OUTREACH April 12th
2020



Calling all our Parishioners 4 :
HAPPY EASTER. WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG

EASTER MESSAGE FROM Fr. ADRIAN HOWELL, SJ.

Dear Friends, Christ is risen; sin and death have been conquered. Christ's light is in our world. That is our faith that is what keeps us going in the Parish of Corpus Christi. This Easter is a strange one for us as we have to celebrate the liturgy in private, but we are able to pray for each other. We think of those, including many of our parishioners, who work in the health service and caring professions and who are an example to us of the touch of the Risen Christ. I think of the housebound and lonely in our Parish, may the glow of Christ's risen light encourage them.



The Handmaids and the Jesuit Community are keeping you all in our prayers because you are so important to us as witnesses to our faith, and encouragers for us. I hope we will all be able to have a great Mass of Thanksgiving in our Parish church for all God's blessings bestowed on us, in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, keep safe and let us remember each other in our prayers.

Adrian Howell SJ.

Especially let's pray for the sick in the Parish: Sally Lees, Frank Brooks, Carmel Rippington, Michael Crich, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Win Merricks and Muriel Botorek.

Those who have died recently: Bernadette Soubirous Breslin, Anthony (Tony) Sheehan and June Douglas-Arthur.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ruth Burke, A Erting Kirk, Vera Paris, Br's David Mc Garry and James Horsker SJ.

HOW THE EARLY JESUITS LEARNED HOW TO LIVE IN ISOLATION

In 1767, due to a global panic over which they had little control, a group of Spanish Jesuits found themselves forced to abandon their places of work, hassled at international borders and, ultimately, driven into a prolonged period of isolation and uncertainty. Some 5,000

Jesuits were jostled from one Italian port to the next, until, finally, more than a year later, they found some respite within the Papal States. The elderly and ailing Jesuits were particularly vulnerable during this long journey amid poor conditions. But they made it! SOUNDS FAMILIAR, DOESN'T IT ??!

EASTER WEEK REFLECTIONS

Jesus Christ is not in quarantine and the Gospel is not in lockdown. The Gospel readings every day this week, tell us about the people who met Jesus after the Resurrection and what it was like for them:

- According to the Gospel writers, it was women who first meet the risen Christ. And a woman, who was the first to witness to the resurrection. “Go and tell my brothers”. She believed even if the disciples did not, could not.
- Meeting the Risen Christ brought personal freedom to Mary Magdalene from her loneliness: “Why are you weeping?”; to Peter from his remorse and feelings of guilt: “Peter do you love me?”; and to the disciples from their fear: “Peace be with you”.
- The two devastated disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus when he joined them. But then they recognized him at their dinner table, when he broke the bread with them. After he disappeared, they remembered that their “hearts had been burning within us”. as they walked along the road with him – something in them had responded to his presence and his words.
- The disciples, huddled in the Upper Room, for “fear of the Jews”, who need a lot of persuading and proof that it really was Jesus. – not a ghost.
- On the shore of the lake of Galilee, it is the intuition of John who discovers the active presence of the Risen Christ in the day to day, and recognizes Jesus: “It is the Lord”.

How have we felt the presence of the Risen Christ in our lives? When and where have we recognized him, and in whom?

AN EASTER PRAYER FOR COVID 19

Dear God,

I hear news from colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family of their struggle, their sickness, their need for life sustaining resources. I notice parents and teachers and students adjusting to new ways of learning. I witness leaders struggling to comfort their people, to inform them and offer reassurance that all will be well. I recognize that those who have always been in need are now joined by new faces in financial struggle. The ill are united with the newly diagnosed. The table of the hungry is expanding to include more stomachs

What are You inviting me to discover at this moment? Help me find the good and grace when I'm struggling to understand what is unfolding around me. Help me locate You more clearly Lord, so that my eyes may find You in the fog of this crisis. I know that from struggle will come new life, because I believe the resurrection is always the new beginning after any heavy cross. I bring my sorrows and concerns to exchange them for hope and faith. I sing alleluia, because You are risen. What I need now is patience and trust, strength and courage, a peaceful heart and calm mind to carry me through this time in my life. Amen.



CYBERSPACE: A NEW SPACE FOR WORSHIP AND PRAYER.

“The creativity of love can overcome isolation” Pope Francis

Did you ever imagine not going to church on Good Friday, on Holy Saturday and

Easter Sunday? No, of course not. But it happened last week. It is the reality we are in now. Our Easter celebration found everyone at home, watching the ceremonies on TV or on our computers.

Because if people cannot come to Church, the Church must go to the people. The whole meaning of Church is “being together”, so we are making cyberspace a place to meet together, a place for worship that sustains our faith, where we can feel the caring hand of the Church and the blessing presence of Christ in our homes. During this time, people are spending more time looking at their electronic gadgets, surfing for information on the net, on Facebook, exchanging messages in WhatsApp and whatnot. Parishes too, are reaching out to parishioners through the same means by way of live streaming, the Internet, etc. This is an exciting new way of being church. We are not a building: we are God’s family, whom he loves passionately. God’s chosen people, baptized to be “prophets, priests and kings”. St Paul tells us that we are the temple of God and the Holy Spirit lives in us”. Wow! .So let’s use social media to gather and keep in touch. Our Parish of Corpus Christi is offering an OUTREACH each week, and the Sisters are live streaming adoration, the rosary, family prayer etc. everyday. See you there.

HANDMAIDS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

From 13th of April until the 30th April Join us by *Live Stream* from our channel in *YouTube (Handmaids Boscombe)*

 **ADORATION**
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (in silence). Daily.
Guided Adoration on the 21st April 7:30pm-8:30pm*
*text available on www.aciengland.org

 **FAMILY PRAYER TIME**
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6pm

ROSARY 
Tuesdays and Saturdays in PT, Thursdays in ENG 6pm

 **SUNDAY READINGS' REFLECTION**
Available on Saturday at 7pm

 **Want to chat?**
If you need someone to speak to call us on
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 **PRAYER INTENTIONS**
Send your prayer intentions by email
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THANK YOU

Finance update. On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee and Fr Adrian we send our thanks to those Parishioners who have signed up to Bank Standing Orders for their contribution. We now have a donation link on Corpus Christi website for anyone wishing to contribute. **Many thanks to all**



FINALLY, A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES, Fr Michael Graham SJ.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and being able to pay the rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when the schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing part of our income remember those who have no income at.

May we who settle in for isolation and lockdown at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our world let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. AMEN