

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Parishioners,

We never thought we would ever see the day when we wouldn't have public Mass and I hope in these testing times that you are able to find spiritual nourishment through our live streaming of Mass each day. We will be live streaming the Holy Week Services and there will be more information on this in next week's newsletter.

Our Parish Website and the Deanery and Diocesan websites all have links to many helpful spiritual resources to give us all spiritual sustenance during these difficult times. Because of the great financial worries everyone is experiencing I am only making the following suggestion if you feel it is something you would want to do:

I know it's a difficult time for everyone and not least for the parish. The bills are still coming in and the offertory donations are reduced to the standing orders already in place of about £302 per week. This is insufficient to pay the regular bills and I am genuinely concerned that the overdraft may spiral to a very sizeable debt that we cannot sustain in the future.

I am very conscious of the financial pressures on everyone so if you feel able to continue with your weekly offering it would be appreciated.

May I suggest that those parishioners who give their offertory donations by envelope or on the plate continue to make their donations but by Standing Order or direct transfer into the parish bank account. To do so

please contact me by email or letter.

You can cancel a Standing Order at any time and you have complete control over any bank transfers, so you can amend your donations to fit your circumstances.

But, please remember that God didn't create bank accounts! God created us all in His image and likeness and we are so precious to God, that if you were the only person on this planet, then God would have died on the cross just for you. It is you, me – all of us who are far more important to God than anything else, and that always comes first.

Our Responsorial psalm this Sunday says it so beautifully:

*My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.*

*My soul is longing for the Lord,
More than watchman for daybreak.*

This Sunday is also the rededication of this country to Our Blessed Lady, and the prayers of rededication are on the next page of the Newsletter. Please do pray them at home and with your families this Sunday.

Please keep yourselves safe, And May God bless you all *Fr. Tony*. **Continued....**

29th March, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
Sunday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Maria Wang and Joseph Xue, R.I.P.
Tuesday 9.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday 9.00am	Tony Nicholl, R.I.P. (The Heffernan family)
Thursday 9.00am	Maria Scott – Special Intention.
Friday 9.00am	Fr Pierce Murphy, R.I.P. (Margaret Kane)
Saturday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
5th April, 2020 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)	

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7-Day Candles: 28th March – 4th April

Sacred Heart: Jacob Family; Alisha Family protection.

Our Lady: Tincy Special Intention; Celine McCrea's Intentions.

By the small Crucifix: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers Norma Dias, Mr Ndunaka, Josephine and Timothy Onwuekwe, Jan Rattray, Benny and Bridie McAndrew, Eunan MacIntyre, Matt Moten, Rosie Hallett, Maria Scott, Winnie Coleman, and all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of Dean Lenagh, Thomas Francis Ryan and all who have died.

Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry

In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as her Dowry. The Bishops of England have been preparing for the Rededication of England to Mary for some time. It will take place at the National Catholic Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham at 12 noon this Sunday 29th March (though this will now be done behind closed doors because of coronavirus restrictions). At this worrying time in our history as a nation, under the threat of this pandemic and deprived of the ability to attend Holy Mass because of the health risks, Catholics throughout England are invited to join the Act of Rededication of this country to Mary as her Dowry. Everybody is invited to join in these prayers and to participate in this loving act.

THE ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO MARY

Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

*May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour. **Continued.....***

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Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.