

Reflection Love One Another!

These last few months have been difficult for us all. Spending time in self isolation causes us to wonder if things will ever be the same again. Then the question do we want them to be the same?

I hope, that like me, you have found an answer that brings comfort. The answer I've found is this: **we get through this ... together.**

We must never forget we are one global Catholic family; our parish, our diocese, the Catholic Church in the world. Many of our brothers and sisters overseas do not have access to a healthcare system as outstanding as the NHS. Often three generations are living together in cramped conditions. Coronavirus in these countries is devastating. All the usual problems of injustice and inequality, the human right abuses, the environmental injustices, the still going hungry; are not on hold because of COVID-19. We need to continue supporting the work of CAFOD with our prayers and financial support.

Even though we have been kept apart during this most important time of the Christian year. Mass is still being offered, prayers are still being prayed. Faith and Hope still shine out as a beacon of encouragement. Even in solitude and isolation, we are still connected. Please pray for all those affected by the virus both here in the UK and overseas, as well as the medical staff who are working so hard to keep us safe.

On Thursday last week we had a **day of prayer for Humanity**. In the pandemic we should not forget to seek refuge in God, as we face this severe crisis. All the peoples of the world were called to pray according to each one's respective religious convictions, to observe fast and to do good deeds to end this pandemic. Maybe once the pandemic crisis is over, our world may become a better place for humanity and for human fraternity than ever before. **We get through this ... together.**

**MASS LIVE ON
FACEBOOK
(PAUL ROY LOMAS)**

IF ANYONE IS STRUGGLING TO FIND THE LIVE FACEBOOK PAGE. THEN LET ME KNOW BY A PHONE CALL AND I'LL PASS YOU ON TO JO, A PARISHIONER, WHO CAN HELP YOU GET IT.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 16th MAY

Vigil Mass 4.00 pm

SUNDAY 17th May

Mass 9.30 am



Saturday 16th

Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

6th SUNDAY of EASTER 17th

Mass 9.30 am Married

couples struggling to stay together

Monday 18th Easter Feria

NO MASS

Tuesday 19th Easter feria

Mass 10 am Sean Loma

Wednesday 20th Our Lady of Fatima

Mass 10 am Brian Ingram's 80th

birthday

Thursday 21st. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mass 10 am *Those with mental health problems*

Friday 22nd Easter Feria

Mass 10 am *The staff in Care homes*

Saturday 23rd 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners



**Next Week : Saturday 23rd
May 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER 24th May 2020
Mass at 9.30am**

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Jesus speaks in the gospel about being still alive even after his death. Mostly we find Jesus alive in the love of others. There is an energy of love which is connected to the energy of God,

for God is love. There are times we find God close to us in prayer; but where we sense him alive mostly is in the ordinary and extraordinary loves of every day, in marriage, family, friendship and care for others. Many of us do not realise that in this way we have been Christ-bearers. In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace the Spirit of God is alive and people are touched by God's love through the co-operation of ordinary men and women.

Lord, make our love cheerful and kind.

Let us know always that human love reflects your love.

On Sunday last weekend the Prime minister announced his road plan for coming out of the Pandemic. It looks like things WILL NOT change very much initially. Please keep safe, stay at home and keeping praying. Put it this way—you can go out, but not out out! It would be a shame to waste the last seven weeks by allowing the virus the contact it needs to flourish.

Piety Stall

The piety stall has been restocked and replenished ready for when we all return. There are small gifts for special occasions, rosaries and cards.

If there is something that is not there that you would like please let Fr. Paul know.



In May we honour Mary. Give her a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there are. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering insider. Paul has no outstanding Masses.

Your weekly offering for the Upkeep of St. Benedict's.

Those of you who make a weekly cash offering are not able to do so now. Can I suggest you either download a Standing Order form from the Diocesan Website. If not, then put your money in the weekly envelopes and bring them to Mass when we can all meet again. Can I suggest that you hold on to the Easter Offering for Fr. Paul until we are back together again. Thank you.