

St Paul The Apostle

Wood Green



Dear Parishioners

• Upcoming Events

- 17 May 2020 - Virtual Mass @ 10:00
- 21 May - The Ascension of the Lord
- 21 May - Lectio Divina @ 20:15
- 22 May - B-ATTITUDE GROUP @ 17:30
- 23 May - Coffee & Cake @11:00
- 24 May - Virtual Mass @ 10:00

Subscribe to the Parish YouTube Channel
so you never miss Mass



Daily Mass, Divine Mercy & Rosary

We encourage everyone to follow Masses on our website and to try and pray the Holy Rosary in your homes at 19:00 every evening, you can also join the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 15:00. Please see Parish Website for details

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In today's gospel reading, the last Sunday before Ascension Day, Jesus explains to the disciples the fulfilment of his relationship with them. He reveals that, once he has gone, they will receive his Spirit, and that through his Spirit he will always be with them. That is the promise given to all of us. We have Jesus' Spirit within us and we are able to have an intimate and personal relationship with him.

I invite you to reflect on this passage from **St John** each day of the coming week.

Monday - Jesus enters a room full of fear. Fear can sometimes make us close the door on others and on God. Some people are able to break through our closed doors and they are able to be alongside us in our fears. Can you remember any people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace at a time of anxiety?

Tuesday - 'He would not leave them orphans but send an Advocate to be with them forever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

Wednesday - How have you supported someone who is feeling lonely and afraid, thinking about this time we are living through?



REFLECTIONS CONTINUED.....

Thursday - How have you experienced the presence and support of people when you have been separated from them, especially at this time of the Pandemic?

Friday - Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you?

Saturday - Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. Recall memories of being forgiven and forgiving in your life? What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?



THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES HAS RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DOCUMENT RELEASED ON THE 11 MAY, TITLED 'OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: THE UK GOVERNMENT'S COVID-19 RECOVERY STRATEGY'.

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS

TO USE AT THE END OF THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of all people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



As a parish community let us continue praying the rosary in our homes or **join us on Zoom at 7pm every evening**. See the website for details how to register for praying the Rosary on Zoom.

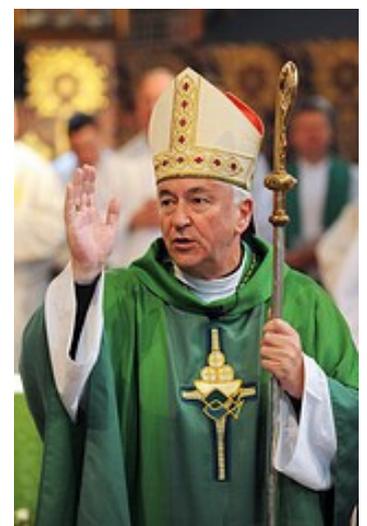
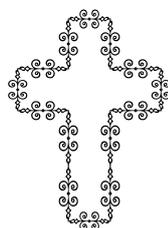
Statement

The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this.

The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship.

In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer.

The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.



Remembering those who have died

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Osei** and **Jerry Kelly** (brother of Bernadette Gediking) who died during the last week. May they rest in peace.

As a parish community we offer our condolences and prayers to the families at this time. Jerry Kelly was a past governor and Chair of Governors at St Martin de Porres School.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Live Mass in Cathedrals on Thursdays

A small initiative agreed by the bishops in England and Wales that every Thursday evening, at 7pm, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families.

The dates, locations and live-streaming information are as follows (also subscribe to the individual Cathedral YouTube Channels)

21 May 2020 : Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral
28 May 2020: Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral

Here in our parish the intention for our Thursday Masses will be for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families.

Thursday 21st May The Ascension of the Lord



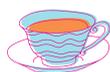
WHATS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK???

SUNDAY @ 10:00 MASS VIA ZOOM 24TH MAY 2020

Join us on Sunday morning at 10:00am to watch Mass via Zoom at St Paul's, it will be a great opportunity for us to reconnect, all Parishioners are welcome.

Please visit the Parish Website for registration information

COFFEE AND CAKE VIA ZOOM SATURDAY - 23RD MAY 2020



Come and share a virtual cup of coffee (or tea) this Saturday afternoon @ 11:00. This will be a great opportunity to share your 'Lock Down' experience, some recipes and lots of laughter with our community. **Joining information on the Parish Website**

Prayer in time of Pandemic

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, To whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LECTIO DIVINA - SESSION THREE THURSDAY 21ST MAY @ 20:15

Fr Perry will be running the third Lectio Divina session focused on praying with the Scriptures starting this Thursday @ 20:15 via zoom. It is a great opportunity to take a deeper look at the scriptures and share our understanding. Registration via the parish website. **If you would like to join visit the Parish Website for joining information**



B-ATTITUDE GROUP FRIDAY 22ND MAY @ 17.30

Meeting via Zoom contact Fr Jonathan if you need details.

ALPHA ONLINE - 1 JUNE 2020

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN ST PAULS WOOD GREEN ALPHA ONLINE JUNE 2020

What is Alpha Online?

- A chance to explore the big questions in life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment
- Open to anyone, anywhere – non-believers, committed Christians, occasional churchgoers, those who haven't been for a while or have doubts

How does it work?

- Meeting on Zoom from 20:15 – 21:15 on Mondays, starting Monday 1st June
- Eight Monday sessions, each featuring a short film, then an online small group discussion, where you say what you think. Plus a weekend online "retreat"

Visit the Parish website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/woodgreen/alpha-starting-1-june-2020> for more details or email stpaulsrcwgvol@gmail.com Closing for registration: **28th May 2020.**



FOODBANK DONATIONS

A BIG THANK YOU - To everyone who has managed to donate food and supplies to the Food Bank, your donations are greatly appreciated!

Please continue to leave donations (tinned or dry foods only NO FRESH PRODUCE) outside 22 Bradley Road., always ring the bell to let us know. Always observe all the safety aspects that we are asked to do at this time.



GREECE PILGRIMAGE

PAX Travel informed us in the last week that the pilgrimage has had to be cancelled due to the present travel restrictions. Pax will be writing to all pilgrims.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to give a Mass Intention please telephone or send an email. Details at the bottom of this letter.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

We encourage you not to drop envelopes through the presbytery door. If you wish to give your weekly offering you can to the parish website and click on 'Donate to Parish'. This will give you the parish bank details to either make a bank transfer or set-up a Standing Order to the parish.

We are not in a position at present to send out the new set of weekly envelopes.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

.....with the parish through our parish website, email or telephone, details can be found at the end of this message. Add the parish email to your contacts so that messages don't get put into your junk mail. If you need help with shopping or you just want to chat please do contact us - we are here for you. Please do give us a call it would be good to hear how you are getting on at this time

With my warmest best wishes and assurance of prayers for you and your loved ones for this Easter Season.

Fr Perry.

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Have you spotted our Banners?



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