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Fr Martin will offer Mass this weekend for: Julie Draper (anniversary)

By the end of the coming week Masses will also have been said for: Joe, John & Joseph Greville (anniversaries), Joseph Maher (anniversary), Gregory Baxter (anniversary), Mary Douglas (anniversary).

Message from Fr Martin: *These are difficult and uncertain times for us all. It may be some time until we can come together in our churches to celebrate the Mass and socialise again with our parish community. Until that time I would like to assure you that you are all in my prayers every day. We must take care of each other in any way that we can. For many of us that means staying at home and doing as we are told.*

Last week we launched a volunteer service, reaching out to those who are isolated in the homes.

We have delivered thousands of flyers to homes in both parishes and our 2 teams of helpers have been very busy doing bits of shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. Perhaps we can all keep an eye on our neighbours with a friendly phone call at this time to make sure they are ok. It isn't only the elderly who are at risk. Many younger people are finding themselves isolated for a variety of reasons. We can all do our bit to help support our community. Keep up the prayers, God Bless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Stephen Wilson, Christine Moore, John Murphy, Christopher Brown, John Regan, Hannah Amelia Regan, Hugh Dillon, Rita Barber, Celia Bradshaw, Sheila Brennan, Margaret Walsh, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, Marie Brownrigg, Peter Holmes, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Joan Doyle, Rachel Cunningham, Reg Fitzgerald, Mary Kilbane, Ged Manning, Barbara Lee, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Joan Newton, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary & Clare Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, Veronica O'Callaghan, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon Deacon Terry Rimmer, **Geoff Farrell** and another sick person.

Anniversaries:

James Catton, Brian McElroy, Kathleen Baker, Michael O'Hanlon, Joseph Greville, Alice Amundsen, Edward Gilbertson, Elizabeth Allen, Frank Catton, Rita Sloan, Richard Tilley.

Please remember in your prayers: Henry James Joyce, whose funeral will be at the Crematorium on Monday 6th April and all those who have died recently



Readings for Palm Sunday:

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Holy Week will be very different this year. We thought it might be a good idea to display palm branches and crosses in our windows to remind people that Easter is on it's way. The palms have been blessed and if you are able get out you can collect them from the porch of 39 Ilford Avenue L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close L23 6XX, If you can't get out give me a call (924 3651) and I'll do my best to get one to you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND ALL OTHER CEREMONIES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, EXCEPT FUNERALS WITH VERY SMALL NUMBERS AT THE CREMATIUM OR GRAVESIDE.

We will make good in some way what we cannot do now. Thank you, everyone for your patience and understanding and let us continue to pray hard for one another and for all affected by these extremely challenging circumstances. The boxes of Offertory Envelopes must remain in church for now but it would be greatly appreciated if you could set aside donations each week or keep a sum of money for the upkeep and needs of the parish. The Church still relies on your financial support.

Given that all our hospitals are more or less in lock-down, people are allowed to visit sick patients only in exceptional circumstances.

That means they cannot ask ward staff to contact the chaplains on behalf of their sick relative or friend. If anybody knows of parishioners in hospital who would appreciate a visit from a member of one of the chaplaincy teams, please contact us and we will get in touch with the chaplaincy team directly.

FOODBANK

With St Joseph's and St Helen's churches both closed, we have made alternative arrangements for donations to our local Food Bank. There are two new drop-off points for parishioners, whichever is easier, in the porch of the following houses:

Anne Fearon: 39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE, 924 3651,

Peter Firth: 1 Halltine Close L23 6XX, 931 5867

Additionally, if anyone can't get food items or wants to give cash, this can be put in an envelope (marked "FOODBANK") and posted through the respective letter boxes.

Cash donations are always receipted by the Food Bank and will be posted at both churches.

A message to say something is en-route is always helpful.

The Food Bank's particular needs are:

fruit juice and squash

long life milk

tinned carrots/peas/potatoes

tinned rice pudding.

We will update changing requirements, as and when known.

All other items are always gratefully received, including mashed potato (powdered), tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit.

Value brands are always acceptable.

If anyone is not able to drop off at the new addresses, we'll try and organise a collection.

Any difficulties/problems, please let us know on either of the above numbers.

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.
AMEN.



Many churches are offering "live-streaming" of Masses. Local ones include our own Cathedral, St Edmund's Waterloo, St Catherine of Alexandria Lydiate. St Anne and St Bernard, Overbury Street
This link may be useful:

<https://www.churchservices.tv>

You can access SS Peter and Paul's for Sunday Mass (10.30) on peter.ovh/live