

From Sunday's Gospel

On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his friends, the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going now to prepare a place for you. And when it is ready I will come again and take you with me, so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Then Thomas, one of the disciples said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we now the way?" Jesus replied, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me, will perform the same works as I do myself, they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

(Adapted from John 14:1-2—The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A)



St Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care." Today's word is

Trust. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells his followers not to be troubled, but to trust in him. Jesus also wants us to place all our trust in him. There can be so many things that trouble our hearts, but trusting in Jesus frees us from too much worry, and is the way to the joys of everlasting life. Who are the people we trust? Can we be trusted, for example to do what we have promised to do? What is it like when someone betrays our trust? Jesus was utterly trustworthy even to giving himself totally for us. We can trust him and ask his help to be trustworthy in all we say and do!



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

5th Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Sr Camillus Walsh
Tuesday: Holmes & Richards Families
Wednesday: Frank Holmes
Thursday: Edna O'Malley
Friday: Fr Tony Pearson
Saturday: Tara Dyson
Sunday: People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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A Prayer During a Pandemic



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 or paying their rent.*

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

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

May we who are losing our marginal income in the tumult of the economic market, *remember those who have no income at all.*

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, *remember those who have no home.*

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, *let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.*

<http://stbernadette.org/Praeyrs-for-Pandemic.pdf>



Bishop Paul Mason, the Catholic Bishop of the Forces, recognises something of the war-time community spirit and solidarity in today's very different battle:

"It's an ironic twist of fate that our VE Day celebration of victory and liberation should find

us both embattled and locked down. How readily we have seen in these days, however, that same spirit of determination and pulling together of our forebears in World War Two. Although we are not able to mark the 75th anniversary as planned, I am sure it will not stop us from remembering them, thanking them and celebrating the courage of all those who bought our freedom at such cost. We pray for them and ask God to inspire us with that same sense of sacrifice in our own lives. May they all rest in peace."



How is CAFOD responding to coronavirus?

Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with HIV or other underlying health conditions will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. If it hits refugee camps,



like the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar or camps for Syrian refugees inside and outside of the country, it could be catastrophic for the millions of people already struggling to access healthcare.

We are expanding and adapting our programme work to prevent the spread and reduce the risk of coronavirus in communities. Every step we take now getting food and safe, clean water to families, will help prevent deaths and reduce suffering. Our activities include:

- Delivering food to where it is needed most.
- Improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitation at the community and household level.
- Producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention.
- Training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

How can I help?

In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your gifts are needed now more than ever.

Visit Cafod Coronavirus Campaign and donate on line



A Note from Nicaragua

Last Sunday Fr Luis was able to join us live from Nicaragua and concelebrate Mass. It is a wonderful way of being in contact with him and the people he serves. He will be with us again this Sunday for the live streaming of Mass.