

CORONA VIRUS AND COVID-19

Now that we have moved from the containment to the delay phase, further measures have been introduced by the Archdiocese.

HYMN BOOKS have been removed temporarily. It is hoped that shortly we will put in place a projection facility instead.

COLLECTION BAGS will no longer be passed round. There are four prominent collection points around the church: on the upstairs landings and in the glass area. Please place your normal offering in one of these. As you saw from last week's bulletin, we already have a deficit this year so we cannot afford a significant loss of income since unfortunately the bills will not stop due to the corona virus! Please consider an alternative way of giving: Standing Order forms are available in the sacristy to set up regular giving from your bank account. If you use *mobile banking* please consider adding Saint Helen's as a payee – that way if you miss the new collection points or don't have cash on you, you can make a one-off payment instead. Our bank details are as follows:

Account:	Saint Helen's
Sort Code:	83-07-06
Account No.	16851275

BULLETINS

You have always been encouraged to take the bulletin home to reflect further on the Scriptures. At this time, however, please ENSURE that you take the bulletin away with you – do not leave it on the seat or return it to

the porch where it will be picked up by a parishioner at a subsequent Mass.

THE TEAROOM will continue at the moment but this will be reviewed in the light of developments. Please be reassured that all tables will have been sanitized, that we have changed to disposable cups and will only serve single portion wrapped items. There will be no open food on the tables.

THE ADVICE from the Government is that anyone who has a persistent cough and/or fever should self-isolate. Please follow this advice. Those in higher risk groups due to age or underlying medical conditions should feel comfortable about deciding not to come to Mass due to the risk to their health. It most certainly is not a sin!

GATHERINGS OF PEOPLE – the Government has put a limit on large gatherings of people simply to ease the pressure on the public services – not as a means of curbing the virus so they have said that they do not apply to religious gatherings, so there are no plans at the moment for cancellation of Mass, although this will be held under review and the Church will obviously comply with any measures introduced by the Government. It is probable that measures will have to be put in place later to avoid the particularly large crowds around the Easter services – especially Good Friday.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB which meets on a Wednesday has been **cancelled** until further notice

THE AGAP PLAY which was scheduled to be performed at Saint Helen's on 21st March has been **cancelled**. Anyone who has already bought tickets will have a full refund.

THANK YOU for your understanding in these difficult times. Among all the extra elements that have now become part of our daily routine, make sure one of them is **PRAYER!**

MASS TIMES

Mass every day at 10.00 am with an extra Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am

TUESDAYS

At 7.30 pm in the Hall: *'Walking together with Jesus'* – a Lenten Retreat. A weekly gathering for a guided reflection on the Scriptures and for prayer, with free study books provided to guide you through each day in between the Tuesday sessions. Concludes with a cup of tea and a chat!

LENTEN ALMS

The Lenten Alms collection continues for our sick and retired priests. There are buckets at the back of the Church.

SCIAF SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next week the retiring collection will be our annual collection for SCIAF. Again, this will be done through buckets at the back of the Church. Please try not to let SCIAF suffer through the different arrangements we have in place just now!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 23rd March. Any suggestions for the agenda should be placed in the suggestion boxes in the porches

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Those who use envelopes for their weekly offerings are invited to collect a new supply from the sacristy.



SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Theresa Quigley, Noreen Doherty, Maurice Keane, Jennifer Anderson, Anne McGeary, John Carr, Elizabeth Black, Seamus Brown,

ANNIVERSARIES

John McGlone, John Ballantyne, Desmond Boyle, Mary McFadden, Mary Sheridan, Patrick Meade, Helen Kelly, Chris Whelan, John Lynch (senior), John Cairns

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Thank you for your consistent generosity.

01/03/2010 offertory	£1,656.17
08/03/2020 offertory	£1,747.20
08/03/2020 Lenten Alms	£626.72

And thanks to the many who also support the parish with their time and talents!

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn4:42,15

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:

give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL

John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how

could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

It is suggested that we use the APOSTLES' CREED during Lent. You will find the Order of Mass at Number 479 in the hymn book – then turn to page 205 for the text of the Apostles' Creed



Saint Helen, Pray for us

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Rosary at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer at 9.50 am and
Mass at 10.00 am followed by Stations of the Cross

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:

Additional Mass at 7.30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am and 6.15 – 6.45 pm
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

ADORATION:

Wednesdays after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm

ROSARY AND NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Masses on holy days of obligation are at 7.30 am,
12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

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Jesus meets the Samaritan woman

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**