

NEWSLETTER

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Fr Jack

For all those who have died from the present virus, we pray that they are with God in heaven. Our hearts go out to their families and loved ones.

I celebrate mass for all of you and for the world every day.

I walk around the church three times, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking God to embrace you all in your absence and keep you in his love wherever you are. We fight at times but it is lonesome without you. We all are the poorer. Whether you live or whether you die, you are in my hands says the Lord.

If only I could trust Him.

Many people are now living in very confined spaces for long periods. Parents may find they are not able to provide, money may be scarcer, nerves may be frayed and tensions could be mounting in these situations.

Look out for each other, help where you can and remind your children to keep an eye on their friends too, friends are needed now, more than ever.

And trust in Him.

During this time there will be no church services, Sundays or weekdays. Also in line with Government guidelines, we can no longer keep the church open for private prayer.

There are many web sites and apps streaming Mass, prayers and meditations from all over the world. I hope you enjoy these over Easter, until our normal service is resumed.

**You can't trust Him, if you blame Him.
Don't blame Him.**

As Christ calls Lazarus out to the tomb today, I believe he is calling all of us out to the tomb of our blindness.

Use this opportunity to wake up. Remove so much "stuff" from your life that is blinding you to the important things.

Jesus says: – "Unbind him and let him go free."

Unbind yourself and let Christ.

Jesus did not answer Mary's pleas immediately... He was moving her on to something greater....

THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF.

And Paul as ever sums it up....."Be interested in spiritual things." We waste so much time on the accidentals and miss the real thing.

This week has also seen the best in people, responding in all sorts of different ways to all sorts of needs:

Visiting, shopping, cooking, giving out books, and just basically showing that they care. **Wonderful.**

Thursday evening we paid our own special thanks to the NHS and we were there with the best of them from St James'.

We continue to pray for all the NHS staff, many of whom are from St James' here, we are proud of you. We love you. Take care of yourselves.

Please if you are in need, let us know. Many people are willing to help. For which we are all extremely grateful.

Prayers, love and best wishes, as God keep us all in the palm of his hand.

Love is the antidote to Fear