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MESSAGE FROM FR STEVE

CLOSURE FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

It has been just over two weeks since I announced the closure of our church. It was not an easy decision to make but I'm certain in the circumstances, the right one. It would seem that many of you were in agreement, even though like me you felt sadness. Thank you for all the supportive emails. However, while a small number of churches have closed, the majority have remained open leading many of you to wonder why we're not all singing from the same hymn sheet, so to speak.

If I could put you in the picture. A few weeks ago our Archbishop, John Wilson encouraged priests to keep their churches open for Mass and private prayer if it was safe to do so, but the decision would ultimately lie with the parish priest. He has always stressed that he would support whatever decision the priests made. At the time of St Edmund's closure, I informed you that we would continue to review the situation on a fortnightly basis and although a little bit behind schedule I will be gathering with my clergy team to discuss the situation.

Certainly, one of the issues for discussion will be the different ways in which we can serve you via livestreaming.

HELPING OTHERS

At a recent Bromley Deanery Meeting for clergy, there was a discussion on how we can help close the gap between "the Haves and the Have-nots", a gap that has been widening during the pandemic. I encourage all parishioners who are considering throwing away items they no longer want or need to offer them for reuse. One person's luxury could well be another person's necessity. Please take a look at reuse-network.org.uk/donateitems

VACCINATIONS

A word of encouragement. When the opportunity does arise, I urge you all to be vaccinated. There are no moral reasons why you shouldn't and if you are in any doubt please take a look at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales (www.cbcew.org.uk) and the Vatican website (www.vatican.va).

SOUL

If you get the chance have a look at Pixar's latest animation, *Soul* directed by Peter Docter, a Presbyterian. It deals with the fact that despite its imperfections, life is still worth living.

Fr Steve

From Dr Maria Heath, Chairwoman of the English National Service Committee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal]

God is calling us to carry a new fire in 2021 and that we should embrace the new things the Holy Spirit is doing. Maria goes on to say, A wise person once said to me that the safest place to be is in the will of God. I am reminded of that as we leave behind 2020 and head into the unknown of 2021, and my prayer is that we would each stay in that safe place which enables us to rest in the shadow of the Almighty as the psalmist says: 'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."' Psalm 91:1-2

PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Peace Sunday, when the Church in England and Wales observes the World Day of Prayer for Peace kept elsewhere on New Year's Day. Prayers and Reflections for today, including a Zoom reflection, can be found on the website of Pax Christi UK, www.paxchristi.org.uk. Normally in our parish we have a second collection for the organisation so please make a donation for their important work through the website. Last week the Catholic Bishops Conference issued a statement reiterating earlier calls for this country to abandon nuclear weapons, which you can find here: www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/

Each year the pope issues a special message for the day of prayer and the Holy Father's message for this year can be found at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html

Statement on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons - Catholic Bishops' Conference
An historic milestone on the path to nuclear disarmament and an opportunity to refocus on genuine peace-building.. www.cbcew.org.uk

Fr Ashley

THANK YOU

There should have been a thank you in last week's newsletter, not only for the generosity of your Christmas offerings to the priests, but for the many cards and gifts which you so kindly sent. They are appreciative of each and every one of them.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

In normal times the week of January 18 – 25 would have been when the Church observes eight days prayer for Christian Unity. This year there cannot be any swapping of pulpits or shared lunches or services but we can still pray for greater understanding and closer links between faiths.

THE LENT ENCOUNTER

This is a brand new way to focus on the Bible and Jesus. Sign up at biblesociety.org.uk/lent2021 to receive a daily WhatsApp message throughout Lent. You'll get beautiful pictures, practical challenges and personal reflections to help you encounter the Bible. And you can still eat chocolate!

MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps you nourish and grow your marriage, and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual Weekend commencing on **25 - 28 February**, call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443.



Blood and Transplant

We are holding a blood donation session at HSBC Sports & Social Club Sports Ground, Lennard Road, Beckenham BR3 1QW on Wednesday 27th January 2021

and have appointments available between 1.30 pm and 8.00 pm

To book an appointment

visit us at blood.co.uk

download our app **NHSGIVE BLOOD**

or call us on **0300 123 23 23**

We have extra safety measures in place to allow for social distancing but ask that you come alone to the session and do not bring children if possible, at this time.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to the parishioner who contacted the office to enquire whether the Rosary which is now live streamed at 9.30 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday would be recorded. It wasn't going to be, but it now is, and therefore is available for all to join in when they can find a quiet few minutes in their day.

Benediction will also be live streamed and recorded at 5.00 pm every Friday and at 4.30 pm on the last Sunday of each month.

Please email the office if there are any names that can be removed from the sick list. Both the one read out at Mass and the newsletter list.

Q BAR & KITCHEN'S KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

We know that these times have been difficult for a lot of families. We want to provide local support to as many as we can of those children and families who need it the most during this time of national lockdown and school closure by offering them a fresh, hot meal.

Throughout January, from our Beckenham branch, we expect to serve as many free meals to children as necessary and will be offering the following as part of our kindness campaign:

1. Free Cup of Tea for All
2. Free Children's Meals
3. Free Adult Meals

We will provide children under the age of 11 with a meal completely free of any charge when accompanied by an adult. There are no minimum spend requirements or restrictions on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of this offer.

All you need to do is come to the restaurant between 2pm and 5pm and request your free tea or meals. There will be a choice of two hot meals for kids and adults. One free item will be given per person. You must pick the food up in person as we will be unable to take any orders over the phone. Please remember to stay 2 metres apart and wear a mask when you come to the restaurant. We will be taking orders over the terrace as no one is allowed inside.

With best wishes,

The team at Q Bar and Kitchen Beckenham
159 High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AE
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www.qbarandkitchen.com/beckenham/



A reminder that Living Well at Holy Trinity Church in Penge is feeding more people every week, and the demand has increased whilst children are not at school.

Living Well
Bromley

The Penge Sainsbury has a drop off point for food as does Waitrose in Bromley



If you go to the website of Redemptorist Publications you will come to this banner which takes you to their weekly liturgy for children. It is an easy way to keep your children in touch with the Church's year.

COLLECTION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN LONDON

Don't forget the Catholic Workers' House for whom we collect food every second month. Next Sunday would have been one of our collection days for them so please consider making a donation on their website:

<https://www.londoncatholicworker.org/>

If you order your shopping online maybe you could do an order for them and arrange for a delivery of food to Guiseppi Conlon House, 49 Mattison Road, London N4 1BG.

IN THE CHURCH

Our church is closed for the safety of our parishioners. All services are live-streamed and can also be viewed as a recording.

Sunday 17 January

6.00 pm vigil (Saturday)
9.30 am Church
5.30 pm Church

Second Sunday Peace Day

In thanksgiving for our Stewards
Margaret Baker RIP
Richard Graves RIP

Monday 18 January

9.30 am
10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria

Rosary
Robertson Family
Christopher Bradshaw

Tuesday 19 January

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Wulstan, Bishop)

Dec'd members of the Doolan Family
Mrs Eileen Dean RIP

Wednesday 20 January

9.30 am
10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Fabian, Pope)

Rosary
Augustine Km RIP
Hazel Barnes RIP

Thursday 21 January

10.00 am Church

6.00 pm Church

St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Madeleine & Tommy Ruddy
(70th wedding anniv)
Dec'd benefactors & promoters of
the Claver Sisters

Friday 22 January

9.30 am
10.00 am Church
5.00 pm Church
6.00 am Church

Feria (St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)

Rosary
Cotter Family
Benediction
Sr Anne Fitzmaurice RIP

Saturday 23 January

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm vigil "

Feria (The Blessed Virgin Mary)

Daniel James Rumbol RIP
O'Keefe Family

Sunday 24 January

9.30 am Church
5.30 pm Church

Third Sunday Sunday of the Word of God

Gerald Baker RIP
Patrick & Nora Doolan RIP
Tina Loughney RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the webcam
each weekday from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

There will be Benediction every Friday at 5.00 pm and on
the last Sunday of each month at 4.30 pm.

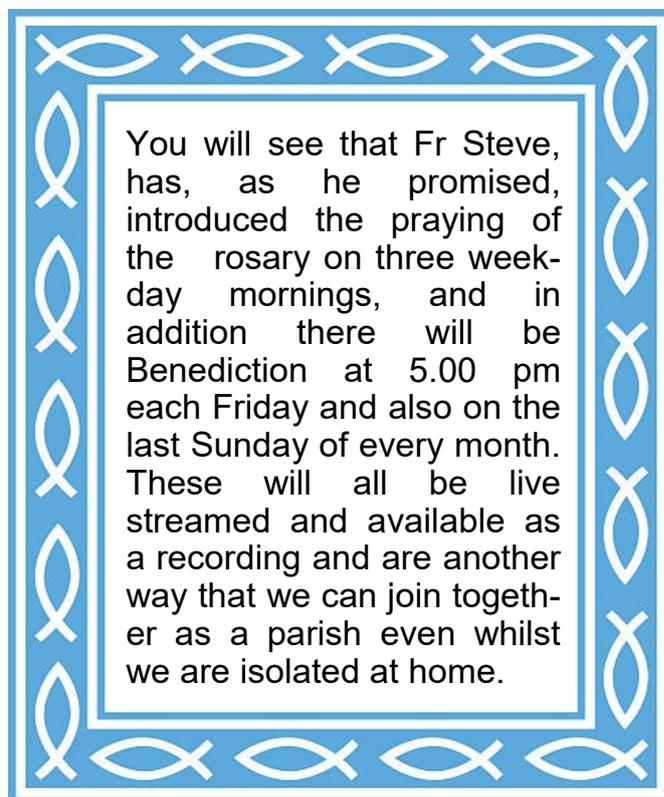
READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B Cycle 1 Psalter Week 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Your offerings last week amounted to £2,745.20

Thank you

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click here <http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/>
or to set up a standing order. Our bank details are:
St Edmund's Church Sort Code: 60-02-12
a/c no: 14282887



We pray for those who have died recently: Tessa Gould, Fr Michael Boland, Fr George Webster, Ted Northwood, Norman Potter, Denise Ricketts, Rosi Baruffi, David Patterson, Rowland Jenkins, Marie-Christine Kerr, Clautilda Binang, Canon Frank O'Sullivan, Fr George Webster, Fr Patrick Nwokeji, Maria Muoghalu, Bishop Gregory Ochiagha, Nora Kidd, Siba Mahalingam.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Peggy Brown, Tanya Clarke, Terry McGee, James O'Reilly, Baby William Paul 'Wotsit' Pemberton, Maureen Finch, Linda Turp, Geoffrey Sisley, Samuel Sana, Emily Edwards, Eleanor Harrington, Patrick McNally, Monica Cronin, Walter Grubb, Juana Chacaltana, Joan Salmon, Mary Callaghan.

We pray for the sick: Angela, Evelina Armani, Rob Burns, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Christine, Mark Clapson, Jorge Corrigan-Zorilla, John Crouch, Sorcha Davis, Niamh Dawson, Giacomo Dillon, Bridget D'Souza, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Alex Dufort, Cecil Dutton, Suzanne Eilbeck, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Mary Flood, Flora, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Margaret Halpin, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Pauline Hatfield, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Hayes, Marie Hayock, Lesley Hill, Glen Jack, Rosemary Jackson, Peter Anthony Jones, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Antony & Richard Kirin, Andrew Kuzan, Rosy Lobo, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Paul McIndoe, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Barbara Moyce, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Margaret Pietrzyk, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, John Stokoe, Philippa Tolley, Pauline Ulisak, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Joan, Alfred, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Sue Wingfield and Charlie Wynn.