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Sunday 22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A Psalter 4

Dear All, following all that the Bishop and the Bishops' conference have said, as your Priest I want to join them and all of you in prayer as we begin what is going to be a difficult time. We think of each other very much and our prayer for everyone in our community and our parish goes with this message and we commend ourselves to each other and the Lord. Fr Pat and all.

For the foreseeable future there will be no Masses or parish meetings but the church will continue to be open for private prayer and visits from 8.30am – 4pm on Sundays and weekdays Tuesday to Friday. If you are coming to church please remember to continue to sanitise your hands etc.

NEWSLETTER – copies of the weekly newsletter will continue to be available on line and paper copies will be available in the porch. In addition both online and in the porch will be copies of the usual Sunday Message Reflections and Readings for the week along with a helpful booklet printed by the Bishops Conference “When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly”, this contains prayers and reflections for us at a time when Mass is not available.

OFFICE – As part of the new arrangements, Angie will be working the same hours from home and is contactable by email boveytracey@prcdtr.org.uk or a message can be left on the parish answerphone.

We must continue to remember in our prayers our sick and housebound: Fr Pat Costello, Ronald Asbury, Nick Martin, Susan Smith, Monica Waldron, Samuel Horton, Pamela Lekis, Mary-Lou Daniels, Elizabeth Newton, Mary Colver, George Lentern, Chelsea Fowler, Richard Dowse, Peter Dowse, Adriene O'Mara, Diana & Ron Linfield, Colin & Maureen Parnell, Mai Clifford, Jean Humphrey, Jill Huish, John Long, Christine Horton, Claire Bovill & please remember in your prayers all the priests in our diocese who are ill.

At this time we have been specifically asked to help those who are unable to move from their homes during this period. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help or assist in any way and if you wish to be added to the list please let us know.

PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL: Mass in the Cathedral, celebrated every day at 11am, will be available on our Diocesan and Cathedral websites <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/> <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/> This is one place where we can join together each day, as a Diocesan family, and individually make our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30 there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, again available online. Prayer is the most important thing we can do at this time - prayer for the sick, for the dying, for the bereaved, for our health care professionals and for those seeking a vaccine. Let us remember that the mercies of the Lord are everlasting. He renews them in us each day.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: We will shortly have a limited number of Walk with Me, An Eastertide Journey of Prayer booklets available in the porch, please take one & place payment of £1 in the wall box marked publications, thank you.

LENT LUNCHESES: Please note the remaining Lent Lunches have been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

SAFEGUARDING: Our parish Safeguarding Representative is Marian Lancaster: if you have any enquiries or concerns about Safeguarding please contact Marian in confidence via the parish office 01626 833432.

TORBAY HOSPITAL: If you or a member of your family are admitted to hospital as an inpatient and would like to be visited by a member of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, please make sure that you contact the Parish Office Tel: 833432. We will then liaise with the Hospital Chaplaincy via Fr Colin Groombridge, RC Chaplain. This change in procedure is to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations. If you have any questions please speak to Marian Lancaster, Parish Safeguarding Representative.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Thank you to all who helped and supported the parish fish and chip lunch last week, it was a great success and raised £317.30. **NEXT MEETING: Tues 31st March at 10.45am in the Hall has been cancelled.**

COLLECTIONS: Last Week: Gift Aid £153.00, Loose £131.60, Standing Orders £237.00, Total £521.60. *Thank you to all who contribute so generously.* WE AWAIT ADVICE ON FURTHER COLLECTIONS.

MONTHLY CHARITY APPEALS:

TARGETED T.H.A.T. FOODBANK APPEAL(Teignbridge Homeless Action Today): What a great start to our Easter chocolate appeal which I need to deliver by 30th March; more eggs are very welcome but I wondered if we could include “treat” items such as jelly pots, baked bean snack pots, crisps, etc. and on a mundane note squash, sugar and coffee are always needed. As ever T.H.A.T. send their thanks for your sustained generosity. *Veronica Sharam 01803 872909.*

FOOD COLLECTION for T.H.A.T.: Do you have any spare tins or packets of food? (*please check items are in date!*) If you are able to donate any items especially dried/tin mashed potatoes please place in the marked box in the porch. Could you spare a little time to help with our vital work? Please call 01626 437310 or email lin@thatfoodbank.com www.thatfoodbank.com

MOLDAVA: If you have any spare clothes or spectacles and would like to donate them, please leave in the Church porch or contact *Mary Roberts on 853051*, thank you.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: Prayer intention for evangelisation – Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Our Newsletters are available on our website www.holyspiritbovey.org via the Front Page link. Newsletter items can be handed in to the parish office, sent by post to the presbytery or emailed to: boveytracey@prcdtr.org.uk Please note the deadline for items is Thursday at noon.