

ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
22 March 2020**



Holman Hunt *The Light of the World* 1853
Keble College Chapel, Oxford

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Office - Closed until further notice

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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Mary's 7.30am - 12pm and 6pm to 8pm
St Charles 8am to 7pm



Statement from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice. Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

Parishioners' Reflections

Nick Ransford John 4 : 5-42

For me, this passage is about one of those rare and magical encounters that sometimes happens in life; an encounter between two people on a human level that goes beyond any racial, cultural or gender differences, to a shared humanity. "He told me all I ever did". I think Jesus could do this because he was interested in her and was a good listener. In addition, he was willing share himself. So why is this such a rarity and how can we get better at it? I think it takes a certain amount of daring to be open, about our beliefs, our passions, our life experiences, especially the dark ones. It also takes an unconditional respect for the other person and to suspend our prejudices. Listening is so rare, how often have you ended up a conversation knowing a lot about the other person, but they know nothing about you, because you didn't say, and they didn't ask. We are not prophets or gods but for me this encounter does capture the spirit of a God that is love, revealed through the open communication between two people.

GENERAL NOTICES

Church Open: Although there will be no *public* celebration of Mass at this time, the church will stay open for prayer. If you would like Fr Patrick to offer Mass for any intention please continue to do so in the usual way.

ROSARY: As well as social distancing and hand washing, please don't forget to pray regularly, especially the Rosary.

If you need assistance, look up www.rosarycenter.org

Coronavirus: During this time please don't hesitate to call / email / leave a message if there's anything we can do to help or to pray for. *If there are any volunteers who are willing to help in any way please let the parish office know.*

Churches Together in England are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer & Action this Sunday

They write....

This Mothering Sunday, when there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Rosary Group: The whole Rosary is now being prayed in the parish twice every day; 1 decade per person whenever and wherever they wish. The intention for March is to pray *for love and peace in our families, the families of our Parish and of the whole world.* Please contact Irena acohud@wp.pl if you'd like to join.

Standing Orders: Despite numerous appeals, we are still short of the number of counters needed. This has got worse recently with counters having to self-isolate for the coronavirus. If you are unable to help with the counting, perhaps you can help the counters in a different way - by giving them less to count!! We don't mean by reducing your contributions of course (!!)

but by giving your money in a different way - by standing order.

- We already have weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual standing orders in this parish - so the choice is yours.
- You can take out a standing order even if you are unable to

give by give aid. Several parishioners already do.

Forms are available at the Parish Office. Please help if you can.

**Friends of St Mary's – Curry & Quiz,
Lenten Station Mass,
Confirmation Sessions,
Lenten Soup Lunches,
ABC group,
Book Club,
Bible Study
Lectio Divina**

All suspended for the time being.

Parishioners' Reflections: Thanks to the 5 people who have so far sent in a reflection on their favourite Scripture passage. They're all very different which is good. There's plenty room for more! Please send to parishoffice@stmary-immaculate.org.uk

St Charles Borromeo Cemetery

For information contact John Yarnold
01926 493715
email je@yarnolds.co.uk

Latelty dead: Patrick Tevenan, Charles Ludford, Barbara Cullinan. May they rest in peace.

School Trees: Thanks to everyone for raising £1,125 for the trees at the primary school. After research and advice the children chose 12 different species of endangered British trees, including Willow, Hazel, Elm, Copper Beech and Wild Cherry. The Warwick tree wardens helped to plant the trees.

Try to avoid plastic packaging when you go shopping

	St Mary Immaculate stmary-immaculate.org.uk	St Charles Borromeo stcharles-borromeo.org.uk
Counters		
Offertory	£330.01 (£200.42 gift aid). Myton Hospice £56.	£162.94 (£105 gift aid)
Average Weekly Standing orders	£256	£247
Second Collection		
Readers		
Coffee	Suspended for the time being.	Suspended for the time being.
Sick & Housebound	Steve & June Amos, Philip Batt, Theresa Mary Bicknell, Christopher Browne. Elizabeth Coleman, Wendy & John Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Graham Hardwick, Susan and Roger James, Catherine McCarthy, Liam McLaughlin, Christina and Gordon McClean, Sheila Millard, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Dorothy Richardson, Sam Rosam, Peter Schmidt, Betty Walters, Carol Watt, Elizabeth Weston, Win Wigner.	Aidan Harris, Monica Hermolle, Catherine Parker, Christine Underhill, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice</i>
Draw	200 Club New members welcome! Drawn this week. £350 in prizes!	St Charles Tote a monthly draw with cash prizes. £2 per month. To join please see Nina Woods.
7 Day Candles for any intention (£10)	Pope's intention for March: Catholics in China	

Safeguarding Coordinators: Julia Fitzsimons (St Mary) Suzie Vogiaridis (St Charles).
Health & Safety Coordinators: John Bell (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)
Primary School Head: Robert Gargan. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.