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Week 20 in Ordinary Time A2 Psalter Week 4
Sunday Readings

On the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

'Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God' Entrance Antiphon

First Reading Apocalypse 11:19, 12 (1-6), 10

Responsorial Psalm 44 (45) 10-12, 16

Second Reading 1. Cor. 15, 20-26

Gospel Luke 1. 39-56

****MASS TIMES THIS WEEK****

Holy Ghost Church Exmouth
Maximum safe number 49

Saturday 5.00.p.m. Parents & deceased relatives of Betty Gerry
Sunday 10.00.a.m. Our Parish
Monday 7.00.p.m. James & Stephen Joseph Perry RIP (F)
Wed. 11.00. a.m. In thanksgiving - Boas family
Friday 3.00.p.m.

Please Pray For...

Our parishioners and friends, especially those who are long term housebound, those who are sick, those undergoing medical procedures and in hospital and those feeling isolated in these challenging times.

We send our prayers & condolences to Fr. Michael Sharkey & his family on the death of Bridget, their mother. We will celebrate mass for the response of her soul on Friday 28 August. May she rest in peace.

The numbers attending mass are very steady now and it is really good to see you each week. For those of you who are still a little nervous, we are confident that we are taking every precaution to keep you safe, so do come and see. The church is cleaned and sanitized after every mass and numbers attending range between 15 and 35. At no time have we had to turn parishioners away and entry to the church has been managed very sensitively by our stewards. Masses will continue to be streamed online from the Cathedral and other churches in the Diocese for those of you unable to join us. Thank you for your support. May God bless you. Fr. Philip

Check out Pope Francis' daily tweets on Twitter 'Men and women of [#Prayer](#) bear the reflection of light on their faces. Even on the darkest days the sun does not cease to illuminate them' [Pope Francis @Pontifex](#)



An Act of Spiritual Communion "My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as

if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

APOLOGIES: We have been advised that there continues to be no access to church halls, kitchens or toilets until further notice.



Pope Francis pens preface to book on hope in the Covid-19 pandemic

By Devin Watkins

In a book preface released on Tuesday, Pope Francis reflected on the lessons Christians have learned from the Covid-19 pandemic. *Communion and Hope* was prepared by Cardinal Walter Kasper and Father George Augustin, and contains theological reflections from various authors about “witnessing the faith in times of coronavirus”. “Like a sudden breaking storm, the coronavirus crisis has caught us all by surprise, abruptly changing on a global level our personal, public, family and working lives,” he wrote. Many people, he lamented, have lost loved ones, as well as their jobs and financial stability. In many places, even Easter was celebrated in an unusual and solitary manner, and people were left unable to find solace in the Sacraments.

Finding roots of happiness “This dramatic situation,” wrote Pope Francis, “highlights the vulnerable nature of our human condition, limited as it is by time and contingency.” The pandemic has also forced us to question the roots of our happiness and to rediscover the treasure of our Christian faith, he added. “It reminds us that we have forgotten or simply delayed attending to some of the key issues in life. It is making us evaluate what is really important and necessary, and what is of secondary or only superficial importance.”

Solidarity in times of trial The Pope called this “a time of trial” which gives us the chance to reorient our lives toward God. “The crisis,” he said, “has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet.”

Easter victory over death Pope Francis went on to reflect on the meaning of the unique Easter that many Christians were forced to celebrate alone. The Easter message of Christ’s victory over death, he said, showed Christians that we cannot remain paralyzed in the face of the pandemic. “Easter brings us hope, trust and encouragement. It strengthens our sense of solidarity,” said the Pope. “It speaks to us of overcoming past rivalries so that we may see each other, above and beyond any differences, as members of one large family, where we bear each other’s’ burdens.”

Contagion of love The risk of contagion from a virus, added the Pope, should teach us how the “contagion” of love passes from one heart to another. “I am grateful,” he said, “for the spontaneous acts of altruism and heroic dedication shown by carers, by doctors and priests. In these past weeks we have felt the strength which comes from faith.”

Eucharistic fasting Pope Francis said the initial phase of the pandemic forced governments to ban public Masses, leaving many Catholics to undergo a “time of painful Eucharistic fast.” “Many found the presence of the Lord wherever two or three gathered in His name.” He said livestreamed Masses were an “emergency measure” for which many were grateful. “But virtual transmission is no substitute for the living presence of the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist.” The Pope expressed his gratitude that Catholics in many parts of the world can return to a normal liturgical life. “The presence of the Risen Lord in His Word and through the celebration of the Eucharist will give us the strength we need to resolve the difficulties and challenges that we will face after the coronavirus crisis.”

Renewed hope and solidarity Pope Francis concluded the preface expressing his hopes that the book will help people discover “a new sense of hope and solidarity.” “Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the Lord will also accompany us in future through His word and through the breaking of bread in the Eucharist. And He will say to us: “Do not be afraid! For I have overcome death.”



Fundraising – but not as we know it! This weekend many of us will join a 'Virtual Saturday get together with our parish family & friends and pause at the same time in spirit throughout the day. There has been a tremendous surge of support from so many parishioners and it is wonderful to know that we will all be stopping and 'being together' at the same times. Thank you to everyone who has donated £15.00 (and so much more) – every penny will go to help us over the coming weeks.

We will enjoy coffee at 10.30 am - Afternoon tea at 3.00 pm and raise a toast to the parish at 7.00 pm! Wishing you all a lovely day of celebrating life in our parish!

COVID doesn't determine the numbers for this celebration! The Guest list has limitless space on it..... so let us know if you will be joining late comers most welcome! Please email or telephone the office and your name will be added to the prize draw list. The 'cash prize draw' for those that are 'attending' will be drawn by Fr. Philip and carries a prize of £50.00 for the winner. (Cheques can be made payable to PRCDTR Holy Family Exmouth)

Father Philip's Guest list includes...

Our Holy Family Sisters
Anne & Ian Mc.Alpine
Bill & Mary Morrell with
Margaret Gray

Fr. Robin & Anne
Irene Walker
Alex, Millie & Harry
Gill Kirk



Jane, Mike & Elisabeth
Kate & Robbie Sillars
Teresa Walsh
Eric & Philippa Howard

Wendy & Gavin Davis
Rita Field
Jackie & Chris Doak
Anthony & Maureen Bernard

Lucy Malony
John Dawson
Richard & Lesley
Lesley Aston

Eileen & Roy Jenkins
Roni Stevens
Caz & Glenn & family
Richard & Lori Gegg

Lorraine & Derek Richards
Susan & Ian Lacey
Wendy & Nick March
Hugh & Eve Gregg

Sandi & Al Forte
Enid Person
Val & Ron Dobree
Richard & Penny

Jenny Carman
Mary Chaplin
Mimi Barton
Helen & Terry

Mary Nash

Una Ames

Jacky Lee

Roger & Mary Lawrence

Roni & Alvar Short

Anna Wicks

Mary Wakefield

Pat Dowie

Sue Clarbull

Carol Mustard

Susan Laithewaite's family

Pauline Laycock

Jill Kirk

Anon E Mouse

Marguerite Duncan

Eileen & Alan Jarwood

Karen & Paul Garraway

Benjamin & Lewis

Carol & Gerry Keay

Tony Cotter & guests

Siji Bose & family

Tony & Jacky Howle

Geraldine & Cyril

Ursula Ratcliffe

Diana & Mike Norman

Sheila Parker

Maggie & Phil Raby

Jamie & Annette

Cathie & Frank Doyle

+ Siobhan Canham & her numerous ZOOM guests

ADD YOUR NAME HERE.....

AND JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT ALL THE FUN WAS OVER.....

an invitation from Siobhan...



GET IN THE SPIRIT with the BIG PARISH PARTY

You've done the Parish dinner in your real life "bubbles". Now here's a chance for some virtual bubbles.

A parish-wide ZOOM with up to 300 guests! Email sgcanham@aol.com to get the zoom link.

Come to the BIG PARISH COCKTAIL PARTY

on SUNDAY 16 August at 6 -6.30 pm.

Get creative with those COCKTAILS or MOCKTAILS (no alcohol), and make something that LOOKS AMAZING (since we can't taste it!)

Bring yourselves, bring your kids - Dress in your best or come as you are.

Join us and raise a glass to PARISH SPIRIT

Many thanks to Siobhan for organising this for everyone



Fr. Philip would be pleased if you can spread the news about telephone masses, particularly to the elderly, sick and housebound you have been in contact with. Offered by the Knights of St. Columba, for the cost of a local call, individuals can listen to a recorded mass from 12.00 midday on Sunday until 11.59 the following Sunday. Tel 01642 130120. The mass tends to be approximately 45 minutes and has proved to work well over the last three months. It may appeal to those who have no internet or Sky access.



Thank you to all of you who have recently contacted the Parish Office to set up new standing orders to support the Parish. It is difficult for us now to manage loose donations, cash handling and banking so this helps us a great deal. If you are a tax payer we could claim *Gift Aid* on your donations too. Please let us know if you would like a *Gift Aid* form and we will be very happy to send one out to you. Thank you for your help. The annual report for the Financial Year 2019/2020 have now been approved by the Diocese and are available on request by contacting the Parish Office. My thanks to Aimee Luxton and Wendy Davis for completing the Financial Return and to the Finance Committee for their continued support.

2020 CCSP Annual Appeal – ‘Stretch out Your Hands’

‘... do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.’ Hebrews 13-16

‘This year’s Catholic Children’s Society Annual Appeal, is being launched in a time when great economic hardship has fallen on many families due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Society has been responding to a significant increase in the number of families in our Diocese who find themselves in difficulty and who lack essential basic needs. This has meant that the Society’s limited resources available to support such families have been significantly depleted.

So I appeal to your generosity to support the good work of the Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) by offering what you can. By doing so, you will enable it to continue offering assistance to those struggling families who are in most need.

May God bless you for responding as generously as you can to this Annual Appeal’

Rt Rev Mark O’Toole
Bishop of Plymouth

Text CCSP16 £5 £10 or £15 to 70070 via your mobile phone Your text will cost you the standard network message rate in addition to your £5 £10 or £15 donation. The CCSP receives 100% of your donation. Thank you for your help.

Vicki Dunstone Fundraiser and Communications officer

We know that many parishioners are do not have access to email or to the website so please share the information in this bulletin with them if you can. Thank you

