



NEWSLETTER

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Monday 6th April – Sunday 12th April 2020

*Easter will not be the same without each other,
but please join me in spirit.*

Mass of the Last Supper Thursday at 6:00pm
Passion of the Lord Friday at 3:00pm
Easter Vigil mass Saturday at 6:00pm
Easter mass Sunday at 10:00am

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**Fr Jack**

*Dear Friends in Christ, so much has been said and so much to do. Words and apps can become very meaningless, at best empty. Tomorrow as we move into the Passion of Jesus, we have some chance of Light. The Passion was never more timely.*

*Jesus endured the sense of being abandoned by the one He loved most, his Abba. He chose to experience all of humanity's worst suffering. What does this tell us? Even though he couldn't access their love, do you think the Father and the Spirit were there with Jesus on the cross? Given that this is immeasurable love, how do you respond to it? The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us:*

***"Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life" (cf. Jn 3:16)...***  
*You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it. It is a love which enters into death to conquer it and to save us. The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy.*  
***This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.***

*As I prayed in the church this week, I felt very useless. At 70+ I am an endangered species. I can't even visit the sick and doing a funeral is a bit of a problem. I am a prisoner in my own house. And yet the "useless one" was helpless on the cross, he could not even give himself a cup of water and here it was that he saved the world. Shows the lengths He will go to, to show his love for you and I.*

## THE SUPREME ACT OF LOVE.

*I was good at doing God's work!!!! I built 15 churches!!!! But now I have to do "god." Trust Him. Rude awakening. He did not cling to his equality with God, but was humbler and emptied Himself. This is the heart of the Passion/Good News, that Jesus loves us. AT MASS CHRIST IS HIDDEN IN THE BREAD, (for now we are deprived) But Christ lives on the street in the neighbour, helpless, alone and afraid.*  
*We thank all those **angels** on the front line who are serving us and Him so well. God protect you.*  
*As we all go about our daily "run" we may be isolated but we can say a cheery hello even at 10 meters, or a wave etc. Don't lose all contact.*

*I will bless palms tomorrow and they will be available when we return. Again, there will be mass every day in the church for your intentions. Please follow on TV, streaming, YouTube, or 588. Very useful site:*

<https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

**Put some greenery/palms on your door today.**

A fantastic YouTube clip I recommend for an hour and a half one evening:

RICHARD ROHR...Contemplative prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPb3Z5IgLcY>

Is there a whizz-kid out there who would organise a Zoom group for a discussion during week?

**Lots of love, prayers and blessings to all.**

## Funeral Notices

**Pierre Sealy** (Agnes' brother)

Funeral Friday 17 April 10am details to follow.

**Eileen Archbold**

Funeral Monday 20 April. 10.30am Camberwell New Cemetery.

**Mary/Maureen Doran** (collector at 6pm Saturdays.)

Funeral Wednesday 22 April 1.00pm Camberwell New Burial Chapel. Lord have mercy on them all.

Keep them and their families in your prayers.

**In Southwark, only 10 people can attend a funeral.**

**Please check with me, or the family if you wish to attend.**

## OFFERTORY

A number of people have been enquiring about Sunday collections.

1. If you already do a standing order, thank you.
2. If you use gift aid envelopes, put them through my door or keep them till all is clear.
3. Use any envelope.
4. There is a standing order with parish details attached. Fill out and give to your bank or do on line. Let me know please. Thank you.

The Bishops' Conference website with resources, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/day-of-prayer-abuse-survivors-2020/>