



# NEWSLETTER

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**Fr Jack**

Dear Friends,

Hope you are all keeping well and safe.

Very trying times for all of us.

Below is a video link which I hope you can open and play.

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

It is a powerful insight.....**look at life from a different angle.**

Pandemic is giving most of us plenty time to look at life in a different way.

Look at life through the eyes of Christ. if you can't open it send me a text and I will send it to you.

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about people not been able to receive the spirit. and that may be any of us. Why?

Because our minds are closed. I have been so used to doing things this way, I can't change now. An arrogance of refusing to listen.

To hear and be converted to Jesus Christ. Humility is an essential virtue for the Christian. Lack of it keeps me trapped in my own way in my own little miserable, narrow world. Refusing to open up to new ways, to the spirit of God which we are awaiting at Pentecost.

In this time of pandemic Jesus is not leaving us orphans.

Use the time wisely for praying, reading the bible, preparing our Sunday mass, making that long overdue phone call.

## PRAYER

In this time of pandemic, Lord Jesus, I think of you in the boat with the disciples. I think of the apostles, their fear of drowning, their fear of being alone and I feel like them.

This pandemic is overwhelming me, I can't do what I want to do, what I am used to doing, I don't know when it will end and what life will be. And I ask you Lord to calm the storm

to give us an answer. And what I really need to ask for Lord is for you to, not calm the storm but to calm me. Assuring me that you are there all the time holding my hand.

Amen.

## READINGS.

I will continue to send out the readings for the following week.

However, you may wish to download them yourself

Wednesday Word is a free online resource which publishes the Sunday Readings each week together with easy-to-read commentary. Find it at [www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm)

*I have been sending out 250 newsletters by email every week. Not a very diffident job, except that many of them bounce back despite having the proper email. Having consulted with Niango our Parish IT specialists he decided to introduce the sending out of the icon which you received today.*

*Because it is much smaller, not one bounced back. So please go to the website for newsletter.*

*You have time to bookmark the website now and no more need for paper copies.*

*Less work, money, paper. More environmentally friendly. A post corona improvement.*

## ZOOM

The following is our Zoom link for Tuesday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Sorry to those who could not get on last week.  
Don't give up.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82018137845.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82018137845)

Great to see many new faces last week. Please do keep in touch and if you have any ideas of how to improve things, please don't be shy.

## HELP

1. Please help people where you can, do what you can. And if you are still in trouble call me. I know I am an endangered species but we have a team of willing helpers.

Please don't forget the Parish standing order. And also, we try to raise £2,000 for the Manna centre. If you send it direct just let me know and I can add it to our challenge

2. Dearest Mother please pray for us as we feel afraid and anxious. Give us hope and cover us with your loving mantle and protection at all times.  
Amen

Lots of love and prayers,  
Stay safe,