



Dear Friends,

With very little happening in our parish and 99% of the news about the UK...our problems, we could very easily forget there is a big world out there. Our narrow vision can be soul destroying. So let's open thing up.....

"Each and every one of us has felt the impact of coronavirus. Every country we look has been affected, and we need to broaden our vision.

*The first global pandemic of the digital age arrived suddenly. The world was stopped in its tracks by an unnatural suspension of activity that interrupted business and pleasure. For months now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void that stops everything as it passes by. We feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost." The pope has also stated that this crisis period caused by the Covid-19 pandemic is "a propitious time to find the courage for a new imagination of the possible, with the realism that only the Gospel can offer us." *Pope Francis**

MASS TIMES.

**SUNDAY.....8.30AM
10.00AM
12.00 NOON
MONDAY.....10AM
TUESDAY.....10AM
WEDNESDAY7PM.
THURSDAY.....10AM
FRIDAY7PM
SATURDAY.....6PM**

PLEASE.

1. **Wear a mask.**
2. **Bring a paper with your name and mobile number or address.**
3. **Respect social distancing.**
4. **Sanitise hands on entry and leaving.**
5. **Come to mass off peak, during the week**

SCHOOLS HOLIDAYS..

Hope you all manage a break some way/where.

With schools closing we will now leave the communion and confirmation programmes until September. Then we will review.

THREE PARABLES.

*The mustard seed.....small beginnings
The darnel.....no one is totally bad.
The yeast.....many people work very quietly.*

*We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for I do not know.
Love and Prayers, Stay safe, Fr. Jack*

THE PHILIPPINES

A Catholic priest and staunch critic of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte fears he is being watched and could be arrested by the government after discovering videos and photos were taken of him and his congregation by police during a Mass in his Manila parish church.

Activist priest, Father Robert Reyes of San Isidro Labrador Parish in Quezon City, said his parish's closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera captured uniformed policemen taking photos of him during his Sunday Mass on July 12.

Father Reyes said the discovery was disturbing and had left him fearing for his security and his parishioners.

"Their behaviour was very suspicious. If they were on official business, they should have had the courtesy to ask permission," Father Reyes said in an interview.

Father Reyes is known as the "running priest" for bringing attention to social issues through running. In 2019, Father Reyes together with two other priests said they had received death threats for speaking out against Duterte's war on drugs.

Father Reyes openly denounced extrajudicial killings saying they were contrary to the teachings of Christ.

*I am proud of my brother and many more like him.
Fr. Jack) We pray for justice.*



A woman cooks food on a raft made from a banana tree after a flood inundated her house in the Nageswari area of Kurigram district in northern Bangladesh. (Photo: Liton Das)
Notice the solar panel.

*Have they got problems? Love our environment.
We keep them in our prayers, Fr Jack*



A river in Europe. They did not waste any time!