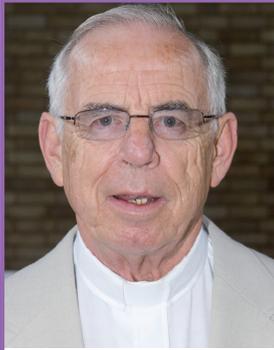


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

26 April 2020



The third Sunday of Easter.

Welcome and hello to all our parishioners. I hope that you are all safe and well in these difficult times. Our thoughts are with all our families who are finding this lockdown very difficult and stressful trying to balance many things at one time. Our parents are, in conjunction with our schools, trying to help their young ones to be home schooled.

Our thanks to Tyrone who organised a video connection last Sunday with 11 families to say the Rosary and to be able to talk to one another. It would be great to get as many people together like this every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. If you wish to join us on Sunday to say the Rosary via online WebEx then contact tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk and he will send you the link.

Pope Francis says "It is so quiet in this weather, you can even hear the silence. May this silence, which is new to what we are accustomed to, teach us how to listen, that we may grow in our ability to listen. Let us pray for this."

He also said "Ask that the Lord might give us the grace of docility to the Spirit so that he may transform us and our communities, so that we may always move forward in the harmony that Jesus wants for the Christian communities."

During this time you can make a financial online contribution for our parish through the diocesan website and follow the instructions or log on to our website. Also Mass is celebrated each day at 9.00 albeit in a locked church. If you wish a Mass said for a special intention or for someone just put an envelope in my letter box with the name and donation enclosed. If you have any other questions please do give me a call.

Today's readings remind us of the lovely story of the two disciples who met the Lord Jesus on the road to Emmaus and listened to him as he explained the scriptures and shared the Eucharist with him. We too meet Jesus in the Eucharist and we are nourished by his Word and Sacrament. Every time we celebrate a sacrament it is Christ as priest who bestows the sacrament upon us or feeds us with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We give thanks to the Lord and see what a wonderful privilege it is for us. We are truly loved by Him as we celebrate the Easter season.

Every blessing on you all and your families.

Fr. Leslie



Virtual celebrations

Online Mass every Sunday at 10.00 a.m. www.wickfordcatholic.com

St. Joseph Rosary group – say the Rosary with the St. Joseph parishioner family. Every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. (email tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk for link)