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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 'B' "40 days in the desert ~ Praying ~ Fasting" NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2021 MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday Readings ~ Yr. B
Weekday Readings ~ Yr. 1
Prayer of the Church:
Psalter: Week 1 & Proper of
the Season

Saturday	19th	6.15pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Poppy Marke RIP	Congregation / Online
SUNDAY	20th	8.30am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Sean McCann RIP FM	Congregation
		10.00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	Online
		5.00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Frank O' Connor RIP	Congregation
Tuesday	23rd	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	John Long RIP	Online
Wednesday	24th	7.00pm	Weekday of Lent	Mildred Pearce RIP	Congregation / Online
Thursday	25th	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	Fr Pat de Wolf's 60th Jubilee	Online
Friday	26th	10.00am	Weekday of Lent	Frank O'Connor RIP	Congregation / Online
Saturday	27th	6.15pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Private Intention	Congregation / Online

Some Masses will be live streamed via <https://vimeo.com/event/655938> You can click on the link or go to the parish website and view the Mass on the Homepage. Vimeo can also be accessed via an app or on a smart TV.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ~ RE-OPENS THIS WEKEEND

If you wish to attend any Masses, you will need to book via the Eventbrite website. The links for Masses are below. If you cannot book via the website, please ring and leave a message at least 24 hours before the Mass and I will book you in. *Because of our limited numbers, please DO NOT book more than 2 weeks at a time.*

[Click here to book for Saturday 6.15pm Mass \(First Mass of Sunday\)](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-mass-of-sunday-615pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141812676533)

Or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-mass-of-sunday-615pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141812676533>

[Click here to book for Sunday 8.30am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-parish-mass-830am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818365549)

Or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-parish-mass-830am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818365549>

[Click here to book for Sunday 5.00pm Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-500pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819805857)

Or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-500pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819805857>

[Click here to book the Wednesday 7.00pm Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-mass-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818802857)

or copy & paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-mass-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141818802857>

[Click here to book the Friday 10.00am Mass](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/friday-1000am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819041571)

or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/friday-1000am-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141819041571>

[Click here to book to attend the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays 7.00pm](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stations-of-the-cross-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141820455801)

or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stations-of-the-cross-700pm-please-only-book-2-weeks-at-a-time-tickets-141820455801>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS TUESDAY 23rd FEB.

PLEASE REMEMBER

to comply with Social Distancing '1metre + with mitigation'

DOORS OPEN 20 minutes before the Mass Time

DOORS CLOSE 5 minutes before the Mass Time ~ No entry after door is closed.

- ◆ Hand-gel must be used on entry and exit
- ◆ Face Coverings must be worn at all times in Church ~ *Proof of exemption is required.*
 - ◆ Please sit on the allocated GREEN spots (*Please DO NOT move the spots*)
 - ◆ (*Families may sit together, but only as many people as 'spots' in the bench.*)
 - ◆ ALL in church must sit facing forward.
- ◆ Do Not talk / Mix with anyone outside of you support bubbles in Church.
 - ◆ **There will be no Toilet facilities available**
 - ◆ **the Lady Chapel is closed.**

The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Those who are sick in our parish, ~ Maria O'Keefe ~ Judy Haworth ~ Jenny Dunn ~ Pedro Oliveira ~ Vanda Jones ~ Pat Sleightholme ~ Fr Michael Derrick D'Mello ~ Deacon David Wakefield ~ Canon Anthony Harding ~ those who are suffering from Covid 19 virus and all who are self isolating, housebound, and living in sheltered or care homes in our parish. We pray for God's healing love on them, and all those in hospital or receiving any treatment, or awaiting the results of medical tests.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD: We pray for and ask the Lord to take into his care all those who have died, those who have died recently, those who have died as a result of the Covid 19 virus. We also pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We also pray for all those who will die alone and unloved. and un-mourned. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Bridget Lewis '84 ~ Lillian Neale '13 ~ Lena Finney '16 ~ Lee Green '07 ~ Ellen Harris '15 ~ John Murphy '07 ~ Canon Michael Reidy '80 ~ Fr Francis Meegan '95 ~ Fr Thomas Aherne '01 ~ Bishop Joseph Rudderham '79 ~ Canon William Roche '12 ~ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Fr Patrick de Wolf (who has often supplied to me in the past) who will be celebrating his DIAMOND JUBILEE of Ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday 25th February 2021. Due to Covid restrictions his celebrations are confined to St Joseph's Home,

Cotham, where he lives. Please keep him in your prayers. This is a huge achievement 60years service to the People of God.

FINANCE: Thank you to all who are keeping your Standing Orders and payments to the parish going, We really appreciate it. As you can imagine we still have to cover the costs of the parish and your donations, in such difficult times and demands on your finances are gratefully received.

Stop Press: I hope to have a '**Digital Collection Plate**' available shortly. This system is recommended by the diocese and will take Contactless Payments / Chip & Pin and also online donations. The company supplying the equipment and administering the system ins a Christian company with some of their profits going to Christian Charities. There is a £15 monthly charge for the administration of the system which is the best I have seen. There is a transaction fee of 1.69% for Contactless / Chip & Pin, and 2.4% for online donations. Which is a charge for the card administering company and not 'Digital Collection Plate'. The other good thing about this particular system is it can also deal with GIFT AID! When this is in place, I will publish new ways of making a donation to the Offertory Collection or Second Collections etc. *This will be available at the back of the Church when it arrives.*

If you wish to make an OFFERTORY DONATION here are the Bank details of the Parish.

BANK: NAT WEST ~ SORT CODE: 52-10-03 ~ ACCOUNT No. 66286530

ACCOUNT NAME: 'Clifton Diocese RE Parish of Holy Family, Bristol'.

Or go to the Parish Website and give electronically via the PAYPAL Button ~ transaction fees apply to the donation of 1.2%+20p

MASS INTENTIONS: As you can see, people are still requesting Masses to be celebrated for particular intentions and I am happy to do that, and if I don't have an intention, I will offer mass for you and your families. Thank you to those who have dropped Mass intentions and donations into the presbytery, if you want a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, just either email or ring the presbytery and I will do my best to honour the request. If you wish to make a donation for the Mass, it can be organised, just ask.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2020: The Course will continue via ZOOM on SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2021. ~ **First Reconciliation ~ Saturday 6th MARCH 10.30am in CHURCH ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY ~ SATURDAY 27th MARCH 2021.** *Because of the present lockdown restrictions we are NOT putting pressure to attend a Sunday Mass, but if you feel safe enough to come, then please try to make the effort. SAFETY FIRST for you and others.*

LENTEN ALMS

Part of the observance of Lent, is almsgiving, and so I have changed one of the PayPal buttons on the Parish website so you can donate via this method, remember there is a 1.2% +20p charge taken from your donation. *If you attend Church, there will be a collection plate available for your donations.*

NORTH BRISTOL FOOD BANK

I mentioned in my Ash Wednesday Homily, that another form of 'almsgiving' would be to donate food to the foodbank. We would normally collect the food here throughout Lent. But I now know that St Chad's Church, 172 Rodway Road, Bristol BS34 5ED , is open to receive donations every TUESDAY 12noon - 1.30pm and you can take your donations there. Here is the updated list of items needed:- **FRUIT JUICE & SQUASH ~ RICE PUDDING & CUSTARD ~TREATS AND SNACKS ~ TINNED FISH ~ SPONGE PUDDINGS ~ JAMS & SPREADS ~ TOOTHPASTE ~ WASHING POWDER (SMALL) ~TINNED FRUIT.** They have plenty of tinned Beans / tinned soup and Pasta. *If you are isolating or unable to get your physical donations to the food bank you can donate via your mobile phone: To donate £5 Text **FOODBANKGIFT 5** to 70085 or £10 to **FOODBANKGIFT 10** TO 70085 or £20 **FOODBANKGIFT 20** to 70085*

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to “Global Healing.”

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment Laudato Si'. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource “Global Healing”. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis’ call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. The series is six Thursday evenings from 18 February – 25 March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm To register please email: jane@catholicclimatemovement.global. **It is hosted by GCCM Laudato Si’ Animators in the UK. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience...Truly, much can be done!” (Laudato Si’, 217, 180) Speakers for Global Healing Lenten Series: Thursday 25 February: Global Healing Episode 2: Jane Mellett (Global Catholic Climate Movement). · Thursday 4 March: Global Healing Episode 3: Dr Emma Gardner (Head of Environment, Salford Diocese) · Thursday 11 March: Global Caring Episode 1. Speaker TBC · Thursday 18 March: Global Caring Episode 2: Graham Gordon, Head of Public Policy, CAFOD. · Thursday 25 March: Global Caring Episode 3. Speaker TBC The registration link is:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhhvwy0hcgyoEb>

Talking and Listening Group - the group runs every Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol BS5 0RE, and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are effecting them and listen to others. The group supports those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. One to one sessions over the phone or social media are available. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or robertvh@hotmail.co.uk. Or, just come along.

SAINT ROSE’S SCHOOL in Stroud is seeking to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. Saint Rose’s is unique within our diocese for the help it gives children and young people with complex physical and other needs to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. Quentin House, named after Sister Quentin, the former long-serving, dedicated and inspirational headteacher, will help Saint Rose’s continue its mission. For more information about this project and how to donate or fundraise please visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/> or contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk).

‘DARE TO DREAM’

Bishop Declan invites each one of us to take time during this coming Lent to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, ‘Dare to Dream’ encourages us to think about God’s invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. This resource can be used by individuals, by families or by already established on-line parish groups. As we move towards Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, an introductory session will help to orientate us for the weeks ahead. Each session has a similar framework to follow. The reflections and videos will appear on the Diocesan Website under the banner – ‘Dare to Dream’. We are encouraged to read the accompanying resource before we set out on this journey through Lent and later onwards to Eastertide. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday of Lent. Taking time during Lent will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world.

Dare to Dream Links

[Click here to view the e-book accompanying the course.](#)

[Click here to view the Introductory session](#)

[Click here to Lent Week 1](#)

CAFOD LENT APPEAL ~ NEXT SUNDAY

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. **Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice**

[Click here to see the CAFOD LENT APPEAL VIDEO](#)

THANK YOU!

You are amazing, we have raised the funds for the new Camera System in less than a month. I hope it is improving your ability to participate in the Mass. God Bless you for your generosity.

Sharing the Word of God today

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 'B'

***First Reading: (Gen 9:8-15)** This text tells of the covenant or treaty God established with Noah and his descendants after the flood. What distinguishes it from the other Old Testament covenants is the fact that it is made, not with Israel only, but with the whole human race. The rainbow is a reminder of God's fidelity. This is the first of a series of covenants, which serve as a preparation for the covenant at Sinai. That in turn prepared the way for the new and everlasting God formed with humanity in Christ.*

***Second Reading: (1 Pet 3:18-22)** The waters of the flood of Noah's time are a type of the waters of Baptism by which we are saved. Like Noah, the Christian is saved by passage through water - the waters of Baptism. It is through our Baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us.*

***Gospel Reading: (Mk 1:12-15)** With the emergence of the beloved Son (1:9-11) a new era has begun. An essential feature of this new era is the overthrow of evil. Confirmed in his divine Sonship and anointed with the Spirit, Jesus went into the desert, no doubt to prepare for his mission. He spent forty days in the desert. (Mark makes no mention of Jesus fasting). He is reliving the history of his people, who spent forty years in the desert. Like the first Israel, he too is tested in the desert. Mark doesn't tell us what form the temptations took. His account is stark and laconic. In the Genesis story, Satan's victory over Adam led to hostility and fear in creation. In Mark's story that situation is reversed: Jesus is **with** the wild beasts. And just as the angels helped and guided God's people wandering in the desert, so Jesus is waited on by angels. This was only the first of many battles Jesus would have with the powers of evil. After his victory over Satan (which is not stated but implied), Jesus takes up the torch from the hand of John the Baptist who has been arrested. 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand', continues the Baptist's call to conversion. Thus, as the light of John wanes the light of Jesus dawns.*

Entrance Hymn

Lead us, heav'nly father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Sign of the Cross

We have begun the Season of Lent. Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, fasting and praying. The example of Jesus struggling against temptation, should act as a spur to us in our struggles. Let us call to mind our failures in this struggle, and our need of God's forgiveness and help. Lord Jesus, through the grace of this holy season you help us to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. **Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.** You help us to rid ourselves of evil, and enable us to serve you in freedom. **Christe, Christe, eleison.** You help us to show to those in need your goodness to ourselves. **Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

May almighty God **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.*

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour! Word of the Father calling us to life.

Son of God who leads us to freedom, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Man does not live by bread alone

but on each word that comes from You.

Open Your mouth, O God, and I will listen.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise to you.....

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (bow)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the faithful ~ The response will be: **LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**

Offertory Hymn

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

The mystery of Faith
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come, until you come,
until you come again.

Great Amen ~ Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of all the world, miserere nobis;
Lamb of God you take away the sins of all the world, miserere nobis;
Lamb of God you take away the sins of all the world, donna nobis pacem.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Bread of life, truth eternal,
broken now to set us free,
the risen Christ, his saving power,
is here in bread and wine for me.*

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.
Here at your table, love's mystery,
one bread, one cup, one family.
Bread of life.....

Lord, by your cross you reconciled us to the father.
We have only to believe.
Your sacrifice, our victory;
now by your blood we are redeemed.
Bread of life.....

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert;
Still you fulfil our every need.
Lord when we hunger, Lord when we thirst,
We come to you and we receive the *Bread of life.....*

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In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we are unsure, O God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, accurate and false,
help us to discern; when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray,
for the caregivers, the technicians and the caretakers and the
cleaners and keyworkers, we pray, for the researchers and the epidemiologists
and for those developing and administering vaccines, we pray,
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.

May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick— in spite of the pandemic, in spite of the fear.

Help us, O God, that we might help each other. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

**You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men and they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.**

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.**

Be not afraid.....

**Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!**

Be not afraid...

