ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER 17 May 2020



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners on this, the sixth Sunday of Easter.

I hope you are all keeping well. I am coping with the lockdown and will be for a few more weeks. I thank Tyrone for arranging the Rosary Group on Sunday. I am sorry I can't join you as my tablet is now an old one and I am unable to connect with you all. Details of how to join Tyrone's Rosary Group are set out below and are on the website too.

I want to draw your attention to our online giving which you will find on our website. Except for the standing orders our

parish has no income coming in so please help if you can through online giving. I am hoping to get the church deep cleaned and sanitized before we re-open. But at the moment I don't know when that will be.

But the deep cleaning should give you some reassurance, but also be aware that you will have to be two metres apart. To enable this to happen some benches will be closed off. More details later.

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a very simple statement "if you love me you will keep my commandments". Then he says towards the end "Whoever keeps my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me". The commandments tell us what we can do and what we should not do. If we go against them then we fall into sin. Jesus also speaks about sending the Holy Spirit who will teach you the truth. Jesus always keeps his promise. There have been many bleak moments in the history of the church and yet it has always come through it. It will always come through all difficulties because of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We too can get through any difficulties if we believe and trust in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Every day our prayer should be: Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Please keep in your prayers all who have died throughout the world. May they rest in peace.

May God's blessing be with you all especially at this time. *Fr Leslie.*

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Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for payers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk

Virtual celebrations

Online Mass every Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m. www.wickfordcatholic.com