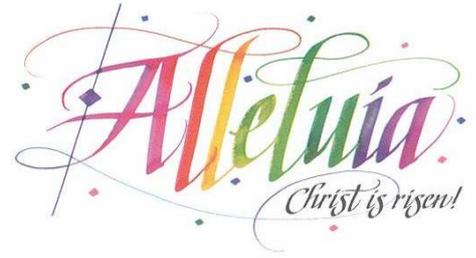


Saint Hilda's Church

Low Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter

19th April 2020



Beatitudes for a global pandemic

written by Jayne Manfredi, an ordinand from Crewe...

Blessed are those who stay indoors for they have protected others.
Blessed are the unemployed and the self-employed, for their need of God is great.

Blessed are the corner shopkeepers, for they are the purveyors of scarce things.

Blessed are the delivery drivers and the postal workers, for they are the bringers of essential things.

Blessed are the hospital workers; the ambulance crews, the doctors, the nurses, the care assistants, and the cleaners, for they stand between us and the grave, and the Kingdom of Heaven is surely theirs.

Blessed are the checkout workers, for they have patience and fortitude in the face of overwork and frustration.

Blessed are the refuse collectors, for they will see God despite the mountains of waste.

Blessed are the teachers, for they remain steadfast and constant in disturbing times.

Blessed are the church workers; the deacons, priests and bishops, for they are a comforting presence in a hurting world as they continue to signpost towards God.

Blessed are the single parents, for they are coping alone with their responsibilities and there is no respite.

Blessed are those who are alone, for they are children of God and with Him they will never be lonely.

Blessed are the bereaved, for whom the worst has already happened. They shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who are isolated with their abusers, for one day we pray - they will know safety.

Blessed are all during this time who have pure hearts; all who still hunger and thirst for justice; all who work for peace and who model mercy. May you know comfort. May you know calm.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen

Let us pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, especially – Fred Oliver, Paul Cohen, Christine & Raymond Murray, Jean Williams, Marlene Burns, Doreen Hyland, Frank & Jimmy Kirkham, Denis Fairhurst, Howard Carr, Irene Healy, Helen Dearden, Heather Bleakley, Rose Pryor, Kay & Roger Thomas, Peggy Smith, James Barns, Brian Phillips, Robert Dalton, Doreen Warburton, Derek Miles, Hilary & Stuart Graham, Beryl Coates, Reverend Deborah, Jimmy Lamb, Derek and Beryl Hughes.

Lord, Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us

Today begins a new venture for St Hilda's as we will hold virtual Mass services on Sunday mornings. This Sunday Fr Croft, who cannot join us, will be preaching a short-recorded sermon that I shall play this during the service. There will be three hymns and we shall do all we can to make this service meaningful for all concerned. If you have a computer and would like to be part of these services then you are asked to contact Carole East via the church email sthildaprestwich@gmail.com.

Please pray for one another and pray that we shall all be together soon in the church we all love. My love and prayers. Fr Paul

In Loving Memory

We remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time, including the ones in our Book of Remembrance and any who have recently passed especially those who have died in this past week alone with no one to comfort them.

19th April

Doris Fitton 1955

Cissie Fittis 2002

Marjorie Tucker 2006

Sue Mell 1974

20th April

Albert Ledger 1957

Cordelia Kenoy Mullen 1995

21st April

Lucy Sanders 1974

23rd April

Pam Powell 2012

24th April

Thomas Steele 1976

Alun Rosser 2003

Ann Murray 2018

25th April

Lewis Handforth 1981

Eternal rest, grant unto them

O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.