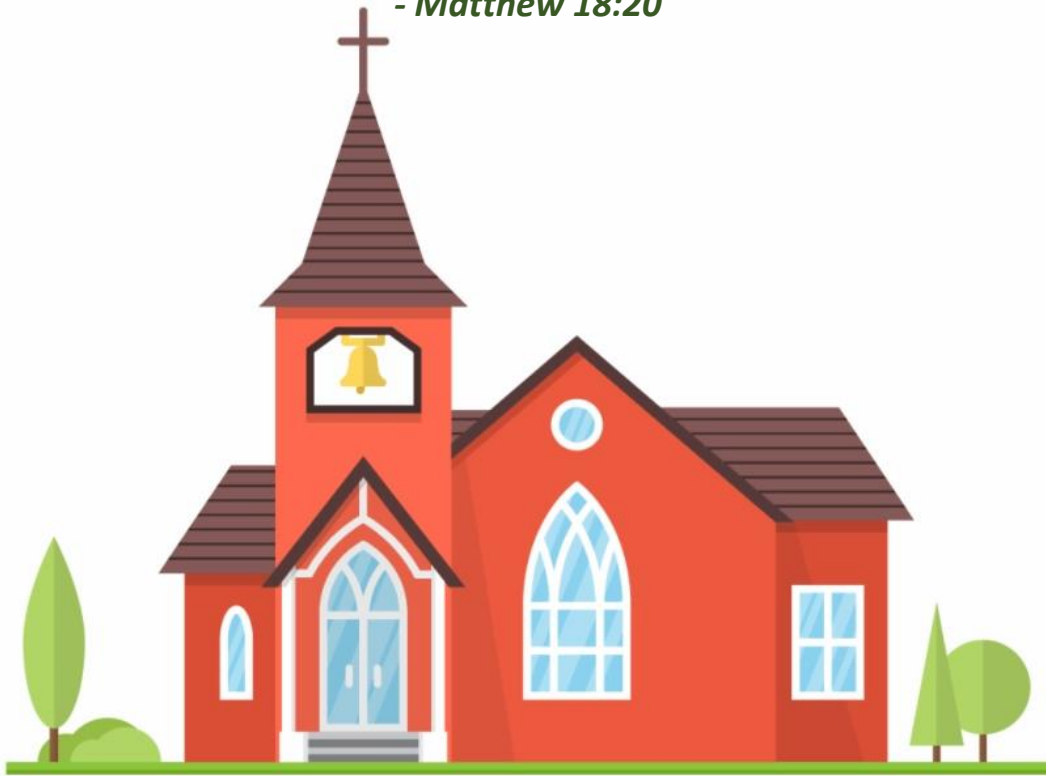


# Bringing The Church Home

A resource for inviting Christ into your homes and lives  
whilst we cannot worship together.

*'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I amongst them.'*  
- Matthew 18:20



At a time of uncertainty we need to feel the healing power of  
prayer more than ever.

Whilst our public places of worship have closed for Mass, we invite  
you and your family to gather together and pray in your own home  
so that you can still feel the presence of Christ at work in your lives.



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*Prepare the way of the Lord*

*We suggest lighting a candle as a focal point for prayer and perhaps play some quiet reflective music to help create a still and peaceful environment.*

*If more than one person is gathered in prayer, the responses for all are in bold.*

### **Gathering:**

We begin our prayer with the reminder that Jesus died and rose again for us and so we gather, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

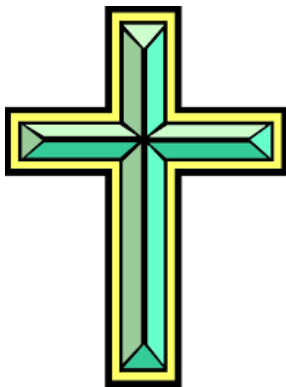
Loving God, You sent us Jesus your Son to show how great is your love and care for each one of us. Give us the courage to face the things we are afraid of and the faith to know that you are our strength and our salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



### **Forgiveness:**

*Let us bring to mind the things that we may have done wrong this week. None of us are perfect and we need to take responsibility for our thoughts and actions that have not been kind.*

*Pause.*



**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Lord, have mercy. **All repeat**  
Christ, have mercy. **All repeat**  
Lord, have mercy. **All repeat**

### **Thanksgiving:**

*During times of trouble and uncertainty, it is important to not forget the things we are thankful for and to thank God for the many blessings that have been given to us.*

*Take it in turns to share something that you are thankful for today.*

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life. We thank you for giving us this day and we pray that we live it in a way that is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

### The Word:

*Think of a favourite reading you would like to read from Scripture and try to understand what the message is trying to teach us.*

*Alternatively, you can follow the liturgical cycle of readings at Mass for on Sundays.*

*You can find the order of readings at the end of this booklet.*

### Intercessions:

We pray for individuals and families throughout the world who are struggling in some way during this time. We pray that they find the comfort, love and support that they need to get through their hardship. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that we remain safe and healthy. We pray for the Lord's protection and healing. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our world leaders as they try their best to do what is right for their countries and to protect the people as best they can. Lord, we ask that you guide them and encourage them to make the right decisions. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



*Pray now for your own private intentions.*

*You may wish to go around the group if there are more than one of you and pray aloud your own intercessory prayers.*

### Offering:

Lord, we offer you all our thoughts, words and deeds of every day. We offer you our fears and worries, our joy and happiness. We offer you our promise that we will not lose sight of you in times of trouble and we will keep you at the forefront of everything we do. **Amen.**



### Awareness:

*Read slowly.*

*As we pray together, let us be still and silent for a moment. Allow ourselves to become aware of Christ's presence amongst us. Feel the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts, filling us with warmth and love. Just sit for a moment in the presence of God.*

**Our Father:**

*Let us pray the words our Father taught us:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen**

**Final Prayer:**

As our prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Final Blessing:**

Lord, we pray for your holy blessing to keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



# Order Of Readings

*Readings can be found online at [universalis.com](http://universalis.com) or on the app but can only access current weeks readings without a paid for subscription.*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel: John 9:1-41



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: *Palm Sunday*

Gospel before the procession of palms: Matthew 21:1-11  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April: *Maundy Thursday*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Gospel: John 13:1-15

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April: *Good Friday*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9  
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April: *Holy Saturday*

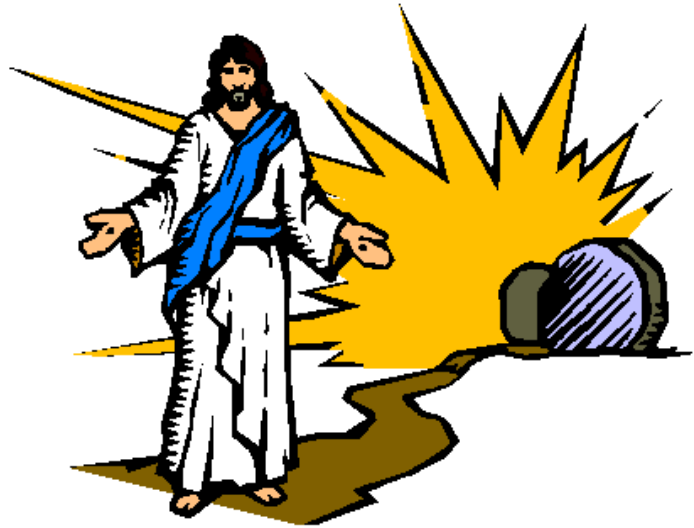
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Genesis 22:1-18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1  
4<sup>th</sup> Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14  
5<sup>th</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11  
6<sup>th</sup> Reading: Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4  
7<sup>th</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28  
8<sup>th</sup> Reading: Romans 6:3-11  
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: *Easter Sunday*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April: *Divine Mercy Sunday:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April: *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:12-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11



Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: *Pentecost*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: *The Most Holy Trinity*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Gospel: John 3:16-18

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June: *Corpus Christi*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: 12<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-15  
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: *Feast of Saints Peter and Paul*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 12:1-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13  
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:18-23  
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July: 16<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:26-27  
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: 17<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings: 3:5, 7-12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

