

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Columba's,

Happy Mothers' Day! May the peace and love of Christ be with you!!
I hope that you are all continuing to keep well, and to keep safe.

I am including tomorrow's Parish Newsletter for you. There will be a small number of printed copies available in the church, for those of you who will be attending Eucharistic Adoration and our other devotions tomorrow morning.

You will also find a useful leaflet, produced by the National Liturgical Commission, entitled: "When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly". I will also print out a number of these and leave them on the table in our entrance foyer. Some of you have asked about the prayer that we use each day, at the end of Eucharistic Adoration, before Benediction. I include it as an attachment for you.

Though there are no public celebrations of Mass, priests will still celebrate a private Mass every day. If you would like Mass offered for any sick family member or friend, or for a deceased loved one, let me know.

As you will see in the Newsletter, we still maintain our lists of sick parishioners, the recently departed, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Similarly, if you are aware of anyone who might appreciate being added to our parish mailing list, please let me know.

Please do try to keep the Sabbath tomorrow, praying with one another and for one another. Why not watch one of the live-streamed Masses on the internet (see attachment), as a family, and follow it with the Sunday Readings, which you can find on the Universalis website (<https://universalis.com>)? This is a wonderful site, and provides you with the complete Divine Office of the Church.

We pray in a particular way this Sunday for all Mothers (past, present, and future) – for the gift of their vocation, for their love and commitment, and the unending support that they give to their families. Thank you for your Christian witness!

We may be physically apart as a parish community, but we are united more than ever in spiritual solidarity and prayer. Rest assured that you will all be remembered at the Altar tomorrow morning, during my private Mass.

Wishing you all every grace and blessing,

Fr. Domenico.