

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING 24 JUNE 2020

Thanks again to the 19 people who were able to join our online prayer meeting by Zoom yesterday.

This week it's not a full round-up of everything, as the technical problems rather disrupted my concentration! I have just selected some key points and links as follows:

- Pope Francis gave a talk on Radio 4 on Monday: [Rethink: Pope Francis warns poor have become part of landscape](#)
- When the Lord asks us to do things in his service (as he asked Peter) He equips us with the abilities we need.
- When we are assailed by fearful thoughts, Jesus can do nothing to stop them if we *choose* to dwell on them, because we have been given free will. We need to choose to "think about whatever is noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy" (Philippians 4:8) And remember that Jesus has given us his authority to reject the thoughts of fear and to "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor 10:4-5)
- "Perfect love drives out fear (1 John 4:18). Jesus is perfect love. Proclaim his perfect love on the cross to drive away fearful thoughts.
- We ask the Lord to increase our trust in him to provide, especially for all the people who have employment and financial difficulties.
- We pray for schools to return to normal so that children who need special support are able to receive it.
- We pray for an end to the virus pandemic and for all the scientists developing vaccines
- We pray for Fr Niven and the reopening of churches safely for Mass and that nothing will prevent access to all the sacraments.
- We pray for those who have fallen out of the habit of going to church, that their faith will become personal rather than habitual.
- The Church has been learning new ways of reaching out and we pray that this will continue even after lockdown
- Pray for St Joseph to protect and guide us.
- Pray for the online Alpha course St Joan's is starting next month: please forward invitations to others. Please consider committing to being a prayer champion for Alpha, praying for it every day

### Links

- [The Novena for Difficult Times](#). starts June 30th
- ADoRE Online Saturday 27th June 10-12.30 with Mass, Adoration, Praise and a Talk. Theme: witnessing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Link; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751959847?pwd=UkY4SXBWdFFXZEI2Rml4bVdEUnFyUT09> Meeting ID: 817 5195 9847 Password: 388359
- [Celebrate Online Conference](#) 27-28th June with inspiring speakers and break out seminars.
- St Joan's [Alpha Course online](#) starting 5th July. Please invite people and encourage them to sign up.