

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING 2 July 2020

Thanks again to the 20 people who were able to join our online prayer meeting by Zoom yesterday. Once again some key points and links as follows:

We gave thanks:

- for answers to prayer, in particular the launch of a new Healing Prayer service by telephone, offered by experienced prayer ministers from Alton Day of Renewal. This is open to anyone who needs prayer for depression, anxiety and isolation as well as physical healing. Call **07579 824523** and leave a message Monday to Friday 10-4.
- that one of the first people the ministry prayed for, who was expected to die, made a remarkable recovery within hours.

We reflected:

- on the Scripture: *I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:6)*
- We can fan into a flame the gift of God by allowing the wind of the Holy Spirit to blow where He wills, to disturb us, which at the moment could be allowing Him to show us how we need to be Church in a different way.
- We need to surrender ourselves to Him in humility - allow ourselves to be brittle, broken kindling wood - so that He can set us aflame and enkindle us to pray and act with more boldness and supernatural power.
- We could try allowing the Holy Spirit to motivate us to pray in a more powerful way: from the heart, with emotion, crying out loudly, imploring, storming heaven, pressing through, praying for more faith, believing that the Lord can do anything, pray with fervour, persistence, with the authority of the risen Jesus, that his will may be done on earth as in heaven.

We prayed:

- for Fr Niven and the reopening of churches safely for Mass and that nothing will prevent access to all the sacraments.
- about the importance of using the Word of God as a powerful weapon which achieves His purpose (Hebrews 4:12-13 and Isaiah 55:11). When we proclaim God's Word with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it cuts to the heart of situations and achieves miraculous results. **
- for an end to the virus pandemic.
- for all who are ill in any way.
- for those who have not been able to watch livestream Mass, and are even more isolated and cut off from the faith community.
- for all who are expressing anger and frustration about so many things, that they will find God who will comfort them and fill them with His peace.
- that we be a people of joy to influence others with the joy of the Lord.
- for the online Alpha course St Joan's is starting Sunday: Please pray for Alpha every day
- for ongoing guidance of how the Parish should function in different ways in the future.

Links

- ** Damian Stayne YouTube talk on the "Sword of Pentecost" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=up-iRtrRAx4&t=946s>
- The Word of God is the best vaccine says Pope Francis: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/word-of-god-best-vaccine-says-pope/>
- [Celebrate Online Conference](#) Catch up with recordings of talks
- St Joan's [Alpha Course online](#) starting 5th July. Please invite people and encourage them to sign up.
- "The Word became flesh" - Talk by Peter Hobbs at ADoRE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tArKnOxYH4A&t=380s>