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SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2020 ST. MARY'S LANGHO FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHURCH Both our churches are now closed until further notice. While the building is closed, the Church is not. You are the church. Whenever or wherever you pray the church is praying. Whatever kindness you show to those who are self isolating is the work of Christ. Be his hands, be his voice, be his smile. And may God protect and support you in all that you do.

NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter for both our churches will continue to be produced and posted on line. It can be viewed at stmaryschurchlangho.org. The Sunday sermon can be heard on the same website. It is posted under News - Archived homilies.

MASS. I continue to offer Mass each morning in the presbytery. Mass can be viewed on line. The link is https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/ Several local churches also stream Mass daily online.

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter ... many will say to me: 'But Father I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

MASS INTENTIONS Eileen Ingham, For Mary, Jon, Elaine and Angela to be kept safe, John Peat. CONDOLENCES to the family of the late Norma Collins: to the Peat Family on the death of John: to the Dunne family on the death of Amelia: to the Ingham family on the death of Eileen. "May they rise again in glory with the Lord."

COLLECTIONS Keep your envelopes until you can return to church or put them through the presbytery letter box. Thank you for those of you who have made standing orders or have sent in your envelopes.

We pray for Father Peter Harvey, Jean Wilson, Joan Robson, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, James Murphy, Vanessa Capiello, Megan McDonnell, Sean Reilly, William King, Sharon Moran, Warren Astin, David Belshaw, Joe Kemp, Steve Moss, Mary Wiltshire, Mick McKeon, Heather Dost, Muriel Scholey, Ian Ward, Rachel Pilkington, Margaret Clague, Mary Curran, Sheila Aspin, Frank Kinney, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, Father Leo and all who are sick.

We pray for all who have left our world recently to journey home to God especially Norma Collins, Amelia Dunne, John Peat, Eileen Ingham and all who died recently. We also remember Jim Aspin, Harry Tomlinson, Patricia Mercer, Michael Lupton, Mary Smith,

George Smith, Betty Brown, Margaret Ann Swarbrick and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.