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Welcome everyone

Today is St.Patricks Day

Let us sit quietly and invite the peace and presence of Jesus into our hearts

Dear Lord

We thank you for the opportunity to pray together today, although we may be miles apart geographically we know that we are together through our faith in you and your unfailing love for us.

We especially pray for the Corona Virus situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by taking heed of the recommended precautions and avoiding situations which may make things worse.

We hold before you those listed in the Diocesan Prayer diary for today - Pas de Calais: (Includes Boulogne-sur-Mer, Calais, Hesdin) Chaplain: Kirrilee Reid, Reader: Mary Wood. Pau: Chaplain: Robert Dennis, Reader: John Errey.

We pray also for those in our congregation who have asked for our prayers today, especially Sarah, Tony, Bev, Kev, Clive, James,

And in a few quiet moments we remember those known only to ourselves who are in need of prayer.....

In Jesus name we pray Amen

Our Gospel reading for today is Matthew 18:21-end

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you o Christ

This gospel reading has a strong message for us.....do we have someone whom we need to forgive?

I would suggest a few minutes of quiet to ask God to show you who you need to forgive and to sow the seed of forgiveness into your heart.

As we are in this difficult situation with the Corona virus, for those of us who are confined to our homes we can

take time to seek forgiveness for ourselves and to pass on to others that same forgiveness....

Let us pray

Lord our God, we thank you for the help you have given us so that we can stand before you, rejoicing in the certainty of faith. We thank you for guiding and leading our lives and for letting us see a goal ahead. Be with us in times of silence when we seem to be alone. Keep us strong and steadfast through all the turmoil of life. Help us to remain unshaken, for you walk with us holding us by the hand.

In Jesus name we pray - Amen.