

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday



# VENTILATORS OF KINDNESS

*Dear Holy Joes,*

This week we will focus our attention on 1 Peter 1:3-9.

**T**he letter is written to give truth, hope, and encouragement in a difficult, painful, and challenging time. The author is saying – suffering is happening. How you endure that suffering will test and refine your faith just like fire refines gold. As your faith is refined, Christ will be revealed. It is a good word for us now as we are living through our own difficult, painful, and challenging time.

Though we cannot see Christ, we see the evidence of Christ's work in our lives and in our world, even in times of great suffering. We become “ventilators of kindness” in the world.



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# JESUS LOVES US



We breathe kindness steadily into our communities-with our prayers, food deliveries, financial contributions, and simple acts of caring and compassion. Today I proudly introduce a couple of those “ventilators of kindness” I came across last week. Giancarlo and Pierluigi who 'Zoomed' with the Resurrected One for us, Helena who maintains a 'Thin Place' in her house and Maggie, a dedicated nurse who breathes 'Divine Mercy' into the Covid wards of Whittington Hospital. Together, we are doing the work of resurrection.

Miss you deeply and pray for you daily,  
**George Koloth, CP**





# The Work of Resurrection

**I** am writing this at 1:45 in the morning in an Intensive Care Unit looking at 4 people fighting for their lives. This is a vocation for me rather than a job, I left Ireland at 18 to make Nursing my career.

Over the years I've seen many challenges & overcame adversity but I must add that this current Pandemic is the most frightening feeling that has surpassed me .

You walk into each shift with trepidation & see the fear & dread in those Nurses much younger & less experienced than me . ➡

My heart goes out to them, I find them  
huddled in corners crying .

Only yesterday we have lost two of our own  
colleagues to Covid .

Covid has no boundaries & I ask you the  
people of North London to please stay at  
home so we can work effectively & save  
more lives here at the Whittington.

I want the people to know the sacrifices we  
put in everyday to save lives.

I pray the Lord gives me strength to  
continue to do my job of saving lives .

I will never become desensitised because  
as Nurse it's the adrenaline and passion for  
our job that help us to be strong .

Prayer is a huge part of my life & I ask you  
as a Community to pray for me & my fellow  
nurses.

Together we can beat this with God on our  
side.

**-Maggie**



## Illumination

One: The doors were locked by those who were afraid—

**All: Locked doors could not stop the spirit of God.**

One: The man would not believe unless he touched the wounds—

**All: A doubting mind could not stop the spirit of God.**

One: Fear and pain and doubt and death had won—

**All: But could not stop the spirit of God.**

One: We breathe out all that would destroy us and bring us harm,

**All: We breathe in the spirit of peace, the will to believe, the call to serve.**

## Benediction

Go hopeful, trusting the Risen Christ to sustain you.

Take faith in the Risen Christ to strengthen you.

Take the joy of the Risen Christ to radiate in your lives today and always.

And take the peace of God, the giver of new life.  
Amen.





## Remember Holy Joes

Your faithful stewardship throughout this crisis has enabled us to fulfil our mission without interruption. And so, I continue to encourage you to remember that St. Joseph's mission is vital to our community now, and will be all the more needed in the weeks and months to come.

I'm inviting you to join me in giving a special Easter offering online, as an act of faith and thanksgiving for the abundant life that you experience through the many ministries of Holy Joe. Your generosity makes this abundant life possible for so many others, both near and far—especially in this season of deep need.

I am grateful for your generosity and for your continued faithfulness to God, in such a time as this.

Please visit our website and the portal 'Donate to Our Parish' and download the forms you need and make your offerings.

