

Prayer Matters 24th January - Epiphany 3

Covid 19 - We pray especially for NHS workers coping with the huge numbers of people in hospital. May they be given strength, both physically and mentally. We give thanks for the signs of hope with infection rates starting to decrease and the vaccination programme continuing.

Our All Saints Community. We are so grateful to everyone ministering to us when we are unable to meet in our church building. We give thanks that technology can bring us together to worship and are so appreciative of all who make this possible.

Those suffering from depression and loneliness. Let us not forget that a simple phone call to someone living alone can make the world of difference. May we all remember that all our hope is from God and He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress. (Psalms 62:5-6)

Holocaust Memorial Day - Wednesday 27th January. We remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust under Nazi persecution, and in subsequent genocides. We pray for all victims of violence.

The USA. We pray for President Biden as he begins his term in office. May he be granted wisdom. Let the spirit of reconciliation prevail in this deeply divided country.

Charity of the week: 4ALL: Building Community in West Dulwich, the local community charity founded by All Saints members. We give thanks for all that 4All has achieved and look forward to a resumption of all its normal activities which are so important in our parish. <http://4all.org.uk/>

Those who are sick or in need: Ruth Kirk Wilson, Rosemary Cave and any others known to us; for those who support and care for them.

Those with longer term needs: Lorraine Falzon Gaughan, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden, Ben, Gina Vaughan and Joseph Lunn.

Those who have died recently: Elizabeth Betson and Heera Alikhan. Pray for Robert Betson and Derriana Graham as they mourn their loss. Also, Roy Donaldson, Kathleen Jones, Jacqueline McGee, Khumba Ngema, Derek Douglas Townsend, Russell Jenkins and for all who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Michaela Christine Emanus, Philip Vernon, Edith Jeffrey, Kathleen Mary Shafto, John Henry Shewell Brian

Commemorated on 28 January Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Friar, Teacher of the Faith.

Thomas Aquinas has been described as the greatest thinker and teacher of the mediæval church. Born at Rocca Secca, near Aquino, in Italy, Thomas was educated first by the Benedictines at Monte Cassino and then at the University of Naples. Against his family's wishes, he joined the mendicant Dominican Order of Preachers. His profound, theological wisdom and capacity to impart this, as well in homilies as in hymns, along with his gentleness of spirit in dealing with all, earned him the title "the angelic doctor". He died on 7 March 1274, en route to the Council of Lyons, and his feast has been celebrated on this day since 1970.

Thought for the week:

If you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way.

St Thomas Aquinas

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