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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus saying: 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest'. These words may bring a little comfort and hope to us as we face the difficulties life is throwing at us at the moment. These words remind us that despite the demands Jesus may make on our following of Him, He wants to be at all times truly a source of comfort, of consolation and of forgiveness and reconciliation. Whatever demands life may be making on us, He is there to be called on. When we are in difficulties and pain, we can ask Him to take them away. He may not always do so but we can expect Him to restore our peace for we need to remember that Jesus is not to be seen as an escape from our problems as sometimes he will give us peace not from our pain but within our pain. There can be the danger that we expect Jesus or his Mother or some other saint or the Church to be there to wave a magic wand that wipes away all our problems, all difficulties, all obstacles. Today, Jesus is inviting us to turn to Him in faith and trust and He can grant us the courage and strength we need to cope with the difficulties of life and bless us with that inner peace that only He can give.

Masses for this week

Although we cannot gather to celebrate the Mass, I will continue to pray for you all as I celebrate a private Mass each day. The mass intentions for this week are:

Sunday	14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of our parishes
Monday	St Maria Goretti	Holy Souls
Tuesday		Private Intention
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	St Benedict	Holy Souls

St Joseph's Bromyard will be open for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday from 10am until 12 noon. Please follow the instructions at the church door.

Supporting Your Parish Financially.

I would like to thank you to those who have been concerned about how our parishes can keep going financially without the regular income from the collection. I am very grateful to those of you who have continued to donate by standing order, those who sent cheques and those who have put a donation through the letterbox.

The Archdiocese has now created a way that card donations can be made online to individual parishes through the Archdiocesan website. This online giving can be accessed from the

homepage of the diocesan website under the heading: Support you parish during COVID-19 lockdown or from the main donations page at rcadc.org/donations

The instructions should be straightforward to follow and by clicking on the relevant parish you will be able to make an offertory donation via Virgin Giving.

I know that these are difficult times when many are experiencing financial difficulties and I do thank you for thinking about our parishes at this time.

Pope Francis: Catechesis on Prayer

There isn't a reflection from Pope Francis this week as he takes a break from his public meetings during the month of July.