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Hello again. I have managed to locate the details of plans for Christian Unity Week which this year are 'virtual' and this is the link for joining in the zoomed sessions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959014158?pwd=Q0VHR1dEZHRIRTRdDbDROVnBhZGdzUT09>

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There is an evening prayer session on Monday 25 Jan at 8.00pm, on Saturday 23 (informal prayer breakfast at URC at 8.30am) and Sunday 24 (an ecumenical celebration service at 4.00pm). The venues are different but the link is the same for all. Please pray for the unity of Christians this weekend

In the 1950's an American psychologist Katheryn Briggs and her daughter Mrs Isabel Myers devised a test based on Carl Jung's theories that determined human personality types. People are divided between intuitive and sensing, thinking and feeling, perceiving and judging, and extraverts and introverts. These are not faults or gifts, just the way we are. In all but the last two, we tend to round up towards the other preference by the time we are 50, but extraverts can't become introverts and vice versa. Extraverts gain energy from being with a lot of people, and isolation drains them. Introverts on the contrary lose energy when faced with a crowd, and recoup their energy by retreating and resting alone. It must be more exhausting for you extraverts during the lockdown, whereas introverts may see it as a haven of peace. David Keirse wrote a book about the Myers-Briggs study of temperament types. It was called 'Please Understand Me'. It would pass the time pleasantly at present and perhaps be a help. We can all be grateful for our own type. Vive la difference!

There will again be no 9.00am Mass on Sunday this week. Happily there is just enough room at the other two services. Please don't be annoyed if you see empty places. People book and then don't come. There is always a good reason. Keep phoning 752224 on Wednesday between 2.00pm and 10.00pm to book. At Mass this weekend we return to basics, with Mark's account of the first preaching of Jesus in Galilee. Lent is still nearly four weeks away, but Jesus' very first words are 'Repent and believe the good news'. The first reading is Jonah talking about the warning to the people of Nineveh, which they heard and did repent. Some people say that the present Covid crisis has brought them closer to God, even with less Church. Others describe becoming lazy and lax. All of us continually need to strive to become holier, to 'follow Jesus more nearly day by day'.

In Lent it is proposed to run a weekly series of virtual house-meetings holding discussions via Zoom. Not everyone can manage this. If you can run one and are willing, please let me know within the week. Material is of course provided.

I have offered Mass during the week for the repose of the souls of Sean O'Cleirigh, James Comerford, Phyllis Lundy, and for all the Holy Souls, for the intentions of M. Omanda, and in Thanksgiving (JK). I continue to pray for the several parishioners who have tested positive for corona virus, some of whom are in hospital. Also your prayers are asked for Mrs Teresa O'Grady of Cheshire Grange NH who died last weekend. Her funeral is on February 2.

I've just returned from Timperley where I received my first vaccination. It was all very smooth and well organised. Please God you will all be 'seen to' soon. Keep safe and God bless you all.

Fr Tony Elder