

You may like to include some of the songs we use in collective worship in school.

Youtube has a selection of John Burland songs that the children are familiar with.

The Community Song

It's me, it's me, it's me who builds community (x3) it's me who builds community.

Rolling over the ocean, rolling over the sea, rolling to my heart and build community. (x2)

It's you...

It's us...

It's love...

It's Christ..

Let's keep each other lovingly in our minds and hearts. The Lord will strengthen us with the gifts of his Spirit – Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Good Judgement, Courage, Wonder and Reverence – and we will come together again renewed in faith and love and ready to live our faith more fervently than ever.

May God Bless you and your families

Sacred Spaces ...

You could set up a sacred space somewhere in your home as a focus for prayer.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.

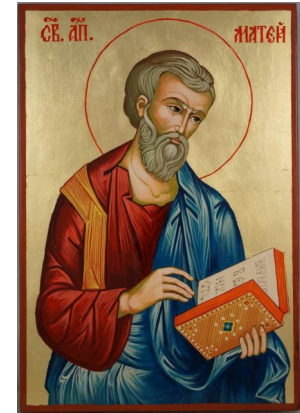
*And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



Many people are concerned about those who may have to isolate themselves without much or any support. If you are aware of someone who is in need of help or someone who feels able to offer support, please contact the parish offices and give your details and our wonderful administrators will respond.

If you are unable to pray at 7pm choose anytime that suits you and your family.

Family Prayer Time



During these challenging times ahead, let us become a community of prayer.



At 7pm each evening, we invite you to join us in prayer. This means that the families of St Matthew's can stay united through the days and months ahead.

Select an area in your home where you can pray in comfort. You may wish to light a candle.

We gather together in our homes to join in prayer with all members of our Parish Community.

St Alphonsus – the founder of the Redemptorists – is famous for promoting the idea of a Spiritual Communion, when we cannot physically go to church and receive Our Lord.

We can begin our prayer time by saying the Lord's prayer.

Our Father
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen

Now we make our Spiritual communion

Dear Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present in Holy Communion.
I love you and would love to receive you now, but since this is not possible, please come to me and fill me with all the blessings and graces I need to cope with everything that is going on. Unite us all and give us the peace which you promised only you can give.
Amen.



Individuals are now invited to pray for any special intentions you may have.

We are invited to think of the great wave of prayer going up across our parishes as we pray together.

We conclude our prayer by asking our patron saints, and especially Mary, our mother to be with us as we say...

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art Thou amongst women
and
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death
Amen.



If you would like to stream Mass into your homes, please visit the Redemptorists at Clonard website.