

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

First, I would like to wish everybody a very Blessed Easter despite all the extraordinary measures that have prevented us from celebrating together. May this give us all a renewed appreciation of the Mass and that most precious gift - The Eucharist.

Second, I would like to update you on my health. The lung cancer which I have has a genetic marker called "ALK-rearrangement." This is fairly rare but is a positive development as this means that I can receive an oral medication - Alectinib - rather than the usual chemotherapy by infusion. I am still in great need of your prayers as the lymph nodes around the lung and the pleura, or membrane, that surround the lung are infected. Nevertheless and remain hopeful and optimistic. Be assured of my prayers for all of you, and again, Happy Easter.

Sincerely yours in the joy of  
the Risen Christ,

Father Alexander Drummond

Pastor