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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY (YEAR A)

**WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, ALL
MASSES, CHURCH FOR ALL
SERVICES, CHURCH ACTIVITIES,
MEETINGS AND LENTEN ACTIVITIES
ARE CANCELLED. CATHOLICS ARE
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS
DURING THIS TIME.**

**PLEASE WATCH THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR
FURTHER UPDATES.**

**The Church will be open from
10.00am – 5.00pm EVERY DAY
for people to visit.**

**Perpetual Adoration will take place
when church is open.**

**Canon Gregory will celebrate a private Mass each
day, seven days a week, at 9:00am.
In your own home do join in spiritually
with the Mass and prayers.**

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

A letter from the President and Vice-President on behalf of all the Bishops of the Conference.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from **Friday evening, 20th March 2020**, until further notice.*

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

You will find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take in the accompanying document and on the Bishops' Conference website (www.cbcew.org.uk). Your own bishop and parish priest will provide further support, encouragement and information about our way of prayer together in the coming weeks.

The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you.

*'The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.'*

May God bless us all.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

President

Vice-President

18th March 2020

A LETTER FROM CANON GREGORY

Everyone is surprised and shocked at how quickly the effects of Coronavirus Covid-19 has affected our day to day lives. None of these have ever experienced these kind of changes to our religious practice.

I encourage everyone to follow the government guidelines and the bishops' guidelines. Our church will remain open each day from 10:00am – 5:00pm for private prayer; the blessed sacrament will be exposed throughout this time.

Keep a safe distance from others when visiting the church. I will celebrate a private Mass each day at 9am. In your home, do join me spiritually with these daily Masses.

St. Augustine tells us “Out of every evil, God can bring good.” Let us see the potential for good in these difficult days and use our time and our gifts to pray more and to help others.

FURTHER LITURGICAL ADVICE IN LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC

BAPTISMS *Baptisms should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice.*

MATRIMONY *If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.*

FUNERALS *There must be great pastoral sensitivity to this issue. The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated for the deceased at a future date when congregations are allowed to gather.*

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL UPDATE Following the government's announcement on the 18th March, St. Patrick's School will be **closed** to most pupils from **Monday 23rd March**. A skeleton staff will be available from Monday 23rd March to provide childcare for children of key workers from St. Patrick's school and vulnerable children from St. Patrick's School (with an EHCP) only. A list of key workers and information regarding those eligible has already been sent out to all parents and staff from the school. No children are to be brought to school on Monday unless this has been formally agreed with Mrs Marshall under the above criteria. Regular updates will be provided via the school website and the church bulletin, therefore, as this situation is ever-changing, please check frequently.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES Unfortunately we do not have the capacity as yet to livestream Canon Gregory's private Masses at St. Patrick's. However, several shrines and parishes are livestreaming and we refer you to them if you would like to participate virtually in the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. In our Diocese the Cathedral will be livestreaming Mass from next week, a link is not yet available; St. Francis, Nailsea, are livestreaming daily Mass at 12 noon on: <https://www.josephfrancis.org/livestream>; St. Osmund's, Salisbury, are livestreaming daily Mass, to view the stream and the times of Masses visit: <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds> Finally, the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham are livestreaming daily Mass and other private devotions on: <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream> the Walsingham daily timetable is as follows: 08.30 - Morning Prayer; 09.30 – Mass; 10.30 – Talk; 11.00 – Rosary; 12.00 - Angelus and Mass followed by Adoration until 3pm; 15.00 - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Rosary; 15.45 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 16.00 - Spiritual Reading; 17.00 – Vespers; 18.00 - Angelus and Mass in Latin followed by Rosary; 20.00 - Compline and Meditation; 20.30 - All night Exposition.

MOTHER'S DAY Today is Mother's Day and we wish all our mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day and we thank God for all they do and have ever done for us.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All classes are suspended until further notice. Please refer to our website for further information.

YOUTH MINISTRY Simon Crandon and Donna Jiji are currently attending a monthly Diocesan youth ministry course. They would like to know the views of our young people (years 7 to 18/20 years old) on how we engage with our young people and what we can do to improve their involvement in parish life. There is a suggestion box in the Narthex together with a short questionnaire. You don't need to disclose your name.

DATABASE In these difficult times it is more important than ever for us to be able to stay in touch as a parish. If you have not already done so, can we ask you to sign up to the online parish database as soon as possible. It is free, and the form is easy to fill in. Thank you. The link is:
<https://p3.pamis.co.uk/stpredfield/onlinea90bed>

PARISHIONERS OVER 70 The parish office will occasionally phone parishioners over 70 to see if they need any help during these weeks of reduced contact. We refer you to the item above concerning the database if you are not registered.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION The two Sunday collections amount to £1000 for the daily running of the church, staff salaries, bills, rates, diocesan tax etc etc. All of these bills need to be paid even though there are no collections. Please consider taking out a standing order on behalf of the church. It will be a great help.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK:

Bernadette Newton, Sister Bidy, Melissa Harkin, Irene Agidee, Maureen Ryan, Gracy Mathew, Marian Mulcahy, Rosy Joseph, Betty Batt, Cora Kumpik, Tony Thankachan (aged 13), Fergal Treanor, Martin Maguire, Jim Brooks, Bernard Stadden. Deacon Denis Deasey, John Sullivan, Lucy Wahinya, Willie O'Brien, Malcolm Wiltshire, Adrian Steele, Mgr. Liam Slattery VG. Patrick Smith, Deacon Rob, Sarah Nurse, Audrey Speirs, Mick Lewis, Michael Leo Corrigan, Joan Moreton, Jim Robbins, Marie & Bill Gage.

Please inform the parish office when your relative is well again and can be taken off the list.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Please pray for the following in the month of March: Cyril Hope, Alfred Herring, Margarita Roberts, Ellen Pibworth, Arthur O'Hara, Emily Lambe, Teresa Hunt, Alice Brook, Charles Williams, Hilda Thompson, Teresa Payne, Raymond Miles, Patrick Hennessey, George Donovan, Ryan & Pearce Families, Mary Hennessy, William Field, Michael Foly, Florence Batt, William O'Neil, Johanna Lynch, William McDonnell, Brian Robbins, John Shore, Pat Shore, Gwen Burns, Mulhall & O'Neil Families, Alice Cosgrove, Phillis James, Emma Williams, Vera Wilkinson, Peter Alsop, Ellen McDonald, Mary Burns, James & Irene Fitzgerald, Joan Sweeney, Marie-Teres Adedigba, Breda Moylett, Mary Mullens, Nelson Green, Marjory Creech, Sheila Harper, Alicia & Joseph Harrison, Ellen Whelan, Louise Williams, Patrick O'Brien, Lesley Power, Frank Foley, James Adams, Amy Concannon, James Farrelly, Dino Dinon.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION TO OUR LADY FOR THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help,
Or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

