

18 March 2020

Cessation of Public Acts of Worship

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has agreed the cessation of public Liturgies.

From Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice, public Mass will not be celebrated in any Church. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

However, for private prayers, this Church may be accessed using the keypad on the minor porch door, to the left. The code for the keypad can be obtained from the Priory during office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Some Masses will be live streamed online, which will enable people to participate in the prayers of the Priest saying private Mass, in their own home.

Pastoral visits will not be made but telephone support will be offered.

The Church will be open on Sundays between 10am and 12 noon for individual private prayer, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, without any organised services.

Confession will be offered on request and hygiene and social distancing requirements will be observed. Please contact the Priory to make an appointment.

Baptisms and Weddings will be deferred until such time we are advised that congregations can gather safely.

Funerals will take place at the graveside or Crematorium only, and arrangements for a Memorial Mass will be made when congregations are allowed to gather again.

The continuing private celebration of Mass by the priests ensures that people can join them in "spiritual communion". The Archbishop is arranging for prayer resources to be produced for use at home and the

Bishops' Conference will be issuing prayer resources, including prayers for making acts of spiritual communion for this time.

You can find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take on the following websites:

The Bishops' Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk

The Liverpool Archdiocese website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

An important aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are many ways in which we are able to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; and simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these 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. Thank you for your commitment to this.

This information sheet and any updates will be put on the Weekly News Section of Our Lady and All Saints website: ourladysparbold.org.uk

The Priory office will be open as normal on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday: **telephone 463248** or **email parbold@hotmail.com**

The weekly Newsletter will continue to be produced and put on the Parish website. Please ensure you keep in touch and help us retain our sense of community

***This information will be reviewed and developed as necessary.
Please keep checking our website.***

Fr Michael (Parish Priest) and Stephen Marston (Chair Parish Council)