

Masses Suspended but Church Remains Open

The decision, which was made in consultation with the bishops of all the dioceses and archdioceses of England and Wales, was announced on 18th March 2020.

“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,” the bishops’ conference said in a statement. “It’s 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, 20 March 2020, until further notice.

“Although we won’t be gathering for public acts of worship, 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.”

Our church will be open on a Sunday between 10am and 12 noon for private prayer, though there is no obligation to attend.

If you wish to access the Church at other times, please use the keypad.

The code can be obtained from the Parish Office.