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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT &

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: 29th March – 4th April 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<u>Saturday 28th March:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	<i><u>PARISH</u></i>
<i>Mass;</i> Celebrant's Intention	<i><u>FINANCES</u></i>
<u>Sunday 29th March:</u> <i><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent: A</u></i>	
<i>Mass;</i> David Russell RIP (Russell Family)	<i>21st / 22nd March 2020</i>
<u>Monday 30th March:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<i>Mass;</i> Audrey McCoy RIP (Anniversary) (Joe)	
<u>Tuesday 31st March:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	
<i>Mass;</i> Intentions of Teresa Murray (Smith)	
<u>Wednesday 1st April:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	
<i>Mass;</i> Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
<u>Thursday 2nd April:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	
<i>Mass;</i> Holy Souls	
<u>Friday 3rd April:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	
<i>Mass;</i> Marie White RIP (Yarwood)	
<u>Saturday 4th April:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>
<i>Mass;</i> Eric Taylor RIP (1 st Anniversary)	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family and Evelyn Venning.
<u>Sunday 5th April:</u> <i><u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u></i>	
<i>Mass;</i> Mary Keane RIP (Anniversary)	
THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!	
<i>British Summer Time begins THIS weekend. Clocks go FORWARD one hour at 2:00 am on 29th March.</i>	
<p>The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Parish Hall and the Church of St Francis of Assisi and the Parish Hall are closed to members of the public, until further notice. If you urgently wish to contact Fr Christopher please telephone 0115 922 8145 (at any reasonable time).</p> <p>For enquiries or to book a Mass, please also do this via the telephone. Stipends can be posted or given at a later date, but for the foreseeable future if you book, or have already booked a Mass Intention, then this Mass will be Celebrated in private.</p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishop Patrick has sent out a letter to all Priests of the Diocese this week regarding the practicalities for the next few weeks. It is rather a long letter, but there have been two detailed Decrees from Rome to consider as well as the details of the response from the Bishops' Conference. Bishop Patrick has tried to bring this all together into one document which he hopes will prove helpful to us. I have provided an edited version for your information:

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING LIVE STREAMING OF LITURGIES, FUNERAL DEVELOPMENTS, LIMITATIONS ON THE MINISTRY OF PRIESTS, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & EASTER DUTIES & HOLY WEEK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

A few preliminary notes to guide us all, as agreed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

Live streaming of Mass & other Services

There is live streaming of Masses in a number of Churches across our Diocese, so that people can follow Mass. Details are listed below.

Funerals – Developments

1. Guidance given last week remains: no Requiem Masses or Church Services; only graveside and Crematorium Services. The local guidance of Crematorium and Cemetery Authorities must be followed. (at the moment this is limited to 10 people).
2. In conducting such prayers, priests and mourners must follow guidelines on social distancing.
3. Coffins cannot be taken into our Churches for resting overnight before a committal as this will necessitate cleaning of our churches.
4. After the pandemic, Masses *in memoriam* will be permitted in the presence of the ashes for those committed during this time.

Limitations on the Ministry of Priests

1. In the absence of our regular pastoral routines, priests are doing their best to devote themselves to the daily celebration of the Mass, the Office, Rosary and prayerful intercession for all their parishioners.
2. Visits to homes for *in extremis* celebrations of Viaticum and Anointing of the Sick are permitted, observing the necessary hygiene and distancing regulations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Easter Duties

1. In addition to the earlier guidance please note **that Confessions cannot be heard over the telephone. Services of General Absolution cannot be held** as this involves travel and the gathering of people. Requests for individual confession may be difficult to meet, given the demands of social distancing and Church closures. It is deemed reasonable for a priest to refuse a request for these reasons. It is recognised that people will be anxious about the fulfilling of their Easter duties. A note **explicitly dispensing people from their Easter duties is being prepared for the current extraordinary circumstances which highlights the efficacy of a perfect Act of Contrition.** This will be made available as soon as we receive it from Bishop Patrick.
2. The recent note from the Congregation for Sacred Worship, speaking about the pandemic, reminds the Faithful who cannot receive Sacramental Absolution, that 'perfect contrition, rooted in love of God who is to be loved above all things, expressed in a sincere request for forgiveness, insofar as the penitent is able to make it at that moment and, accompanied by the firm intention to go to Confession as soon as is possible, obtains forgiveness of all sins, including grave sin (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1452).
3. As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, **the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020. The Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed during these emergency circumstances** of the lockdown and for as long as they last. This pandemic is the serious reason why this obligation does not apply at this time. However, you are encouraged to develop ways in which we can renew and deepen still more our spiritual relationship with God.

Holy Week

1. The Decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship, dated 25th March 2020, has made clear that Bishops and Priests '*may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people, in a suitable place. The Faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the Celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes*'.
2. **Prayer resources for Holy Week for families and for personal prayer:** The *Magnificat* resource, which is being offered free to download online, is recommended as an excellent resource.
3. **Palm Sunday:** In Cathedrals the second form given in the Roman Missal of the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be used; in Parish Churches the third form is to be used.
4. **The Chrism Mass:** In England and Wales a scaled down celebration of the Chrism Mass is to take place in Cathedrals. Here in our Diocese it will be live streamed from St Barnabas Cathedral.
5. **Mass of the Lord's Supper:** This is to take place in the Cathedral and in Parish Churches without the presence of the people. It will be live streamed from the Cathedral. The Washing of Feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass the procession will also be omitted and the Blessed Sacrament kept in the Tabernacle. Live streaming of Watching on Holy Thursday night: St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, was proposed as a focus for national coverage More details when known.
6. **Good Friday:** This is to take place in the Cathedral and in Parish Churches without the presence of the people. Special intentions, reflecting the pandemic, are being drawn up for inclusion in the Universal Prayer of Good Friday.
7. **The Easter Vigil:** This is to take place in the Cathedral and in Parish Churches without the presence of the people. The preparation and lighting of the fire is omitted, the Paschal Candle is lit, the procession is omitted and the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*) follows. The Liturgy of the Word then takes place. For the 'Baptismal Liturgy' the Renewal of Baptismal Promises alone is necessary. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then follows. An Easter Sunday Mass is to take place in the Cathedral and in Parish Churches without the presence of the people.

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Please help us to pass this information to Parishioners and your family members as soon as possible, especially those who are elderly or in a vulnerable group and have no internet access, so that they do not feel anxious or worried about not attending Mass.

Further updates will be made available by CBCEW (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales). Please visit their website; <https://cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines> for details. Information will also appear on the Nottingham Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk>

More information about the Coronavirus, Public Worship, When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly, Sunday Prayers & Readings, Making it a Retreat and other Prayers during a time of 'flu and illness can be found at the Liturgy Office for England & Wales: <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/index.shtml>

Please pray especially that all communities, in this time of trial and testing, may be spared the worst of this illness and continue to love one another and be patient and kind. We pray for all the sick of our Parishes. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment and those who are in nursing homes or being cared for at home. We also remember those who have died recently and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time.

