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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: PALM SUNDAY OF LENT &**

**HOLY WEEK OF: 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)**

<b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Lenten Feria</u></b>	<b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b>
<b>Mass;</b> Eric Taylor RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	
<b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>	<i>28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020</i>
<b>Mass;</b> Mary Keane RIP (Anniversary)	
<b><u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Monday of Holy Week</u></b>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:
<b>Mass;</b> Intentions of Andra Dube	
<b><u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Tuesday of Holy Week</u></b>	<b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:
<b>Mass;</b> Canon John Berry RIP	
<b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Wednesday of Holy Week</u></b>	<b>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</b>
<b>Mass;</b> Fr John Cairns Intentions	
<b><u>THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM</u></b>	
<b><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>	<b>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</b>
<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</b> Vocations to the Priesthood	
<b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Good Friday</u></b>	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.
<b>The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord</b>	
<b><u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	<b>THE ABOVE MASSES AND SERVICES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!</b>
<b>Easter Vigil;</b> Pro Populo: People of the Parish	
<b><u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April:</u> <u>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></b>	<b>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).</b>
<b>Mass;</b> Janus Gorny RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>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.</b>	

**Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADDITIONAL HELP AND SUPPORT:** A group of Parishioners are forming a Community Support Group for the Parish to help people out during the Coronavirus outbreak. This will be coordinated via a **WhatsApp Group**. If you think you might need support over the coming weeks with shopping for groceries, collecting prescriptions, swapping library books etc., then please contact the number below and we will do our best to help you. If you would like to offer your support please contact the number below and leave your name and number and we will add you to the WhatsApp Group. You can also join one of the local community groups on Facebook. 07729 150771

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the gifts and donations that I took over to them earlier in the week. Our support is so important to them at this uncertain time – even more so now there more of them at Bulwell. Because of this I intend to visit again on Easter Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and if you are able to donate something for the Sisters please would you leave your donation outside of the Presbytery back door (under the car port). Many thanks — *Diane Wilson*.

**CANAAN TRUST:** Coronavirus Crisis. The Trust is facing challenges not experienced in any of the previous 25 years supporting and caring for the homeless. If you can help please visit their Facebook page to find out how to donate: [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=2842577182486092&id=272449872832182](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2842577182486092&id=272449872832182)

**LIVE STREAMING AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS WITH LINKS TO ACCESS LITURGIES BEING OFFERED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**THE PRIVATE CHAPEL OF THE BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM, BISHOP'S HOUSE.**

Bishop Patrick McKinney & Father Jonathan Rose

Previous liturgies available to view. Liturgy times change weekly.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ>

Schedule for this week:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	10:00 am Mass, followed by a short time of Adoration
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	10:00 am Mass, followed by a short time of Adoration
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	10:00 am Mass, followed by the Rosary for the Intentions of Priests

**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM**

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

[http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html)

Palm Sunday	Mass at 10:00 am
Monday – Wednesday	Mass at 1:00 pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
Good Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	The Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

**PARISH OF ST PAUL'S LENTON AND ST MARY'S HYSON GREEN**

Father David Palmer

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN\\_QQcfHqdzQG3g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN_QQcfHqdzQG3g)

Weekend Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Saturday

Ordinariate Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Sunday

Listen to Father David Palmer's homilies on podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/fr-davids-homilies/id1481476061>

**ADDITIONAL LIVE STREAMING: DICASTERO PER LA COMUNICAZIONE (Dicastery for Communication);** The Dicastery for Communication was established and entrusted with the reorganization of the entire communication system of the Holy See. They provide Worldwide Telecasts from the Vatican for Easter 2020. This week's Services: **5<sup>th</sup> April;** Palm Sunday Mass and Angelus Saint Peter's Basilica (**9:00 UTC/GMT**); **9<sup>th</sup> April;** Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper Saint Peter's Basilica (**16:00 UTC/GMT**); **10<sup>th</sup> April;** Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Saint Peter's Basilica (**16:00 UTC/GMT**) and Good Friday Way of the Cross from the *Sagrato* of St. Peter's Basilica (**19:00 UTC/GMT**); **11<sup>th</sup> April;** Easter Vigil Saint Peter's Basilica (**19:00 UTC/GMT**) and; **12<sup>th</sup> April;** Mass of Easter Sunday Saint Peter's Basilica followed by the Holy Father's Easter Message and Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi' (**9:00 UTC/GMT**). For more information see: <http://www.comunicazione.va/en/servizi/mondovisione-worldtelecast/mondovisione-aprile-2020.html>

**OTHER LIVE STREAMED MASSES:** If you make a cursory search of the Internet there are other Masses in English (and probably other languages) from each Diocese in England and Wales and around the world. For example St Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, at: <https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live> (Times given are for US Eastern Standard Time EST – approx. 5 hours behind BST) or Word on Fire and Bishop Robert Barron at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> (Times given are for US Pacific Time EST – approx. 8 hours behind BST). Please note that the times given for Worldwide broadcasts are given as the local time for that part of the world and NOT BST; so you will have to work out the time difference!

**VIRTUAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** It is often out of our most dire circumstances that Christ reveals a new path and new initiatives. On the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, you are invited to go viral and virtual and storm the internet and heaven in one worldwide virtual conference. This is the first ever Virtual Catholic Men's and Women's Conference. Log in at any time during the weekend to start your Conference! Sign up for free at [https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Home?r\\_done=1](https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Home?r_done=1).

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS RESOURCES**

*Stations of The Cross for Our Times*

(<https://ossory.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Stations-of-the-Cross-for-Our-Time-PDF.pdf>)

*African Stations of the Cross*

([https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/application/files/7315/8583/5137/African\\_stations.pdf](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/application/files/7315/8583/5137/African_stations.pdf));

*The Way of the Cross by St Francis of Assisi*

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZ9om4YElns>)

*Children's Shared Stations*

([https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/application/files/8215/8583/4269/Shared\\_Stations\\_for\\_children.pdf](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/application/files/8215/8583/4269/Shared_Stations_for_children.pdf))

*Reflections with Father Denis McBride; The Way of the Cross – Focus on the characters encountered by Christ*

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6YqGa7p12w>)

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things and long for You in my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though You have already come,*

*I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;*

*never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### **PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,*

*come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

**SCHOOL RESOURCES:** Resources available from The Nottingham and Derbyshire Catholic Multi – Academy Trusts: Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT (Nottinghamshire) <https://m.youtube.com/user/TheBecketSchool/videos> and St Ralph Sherwin CMAT (Derbyshire) [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M\\_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA) (or search SRS Chaplaincy) also if you visit our website there are lots of other resources too ([www.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.srscmat.co.uk) and click on Chaplaincy).

## **OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during the period our Churches are closed. This is very much appreciated and our Parish needs your continued support at this time. Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection but we cannot hire out our Parish Hall either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs.

Of course, we realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you currently pay by Standing Order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you could now donate via your online or telephone banking. You can either make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed. For the purposes of setting up a regular gift via your online banking, the Parish bank details are:

Account Name: **The Assumption Beeston RCP**

Account number: **02182910**

Sort code: **30 – 96 – 18**

Please put your name (e.g. J SMITH) in the payment reference so we know the gift is from you. This is particularly important if we have a signed gift aid mandate from you. If you normally use numbered Gift Aid envelopes you should quote your envelope number as the payment reference (so J SMITH, the holder of envelope 19, would quote J SMITH ENV 19).

If you are a UK taxpayer, you also have the option of adding Gift Aid, whereby the UK government adds a further 25% to your donation. Anyone wishing to set up a new Gift Aid arrangement should contact the Parish Office via email ([frathomas@live.com](mailto:frathomas@live.com)) as we are not able to process the usual paper applications at this time.

If you would like help to pay in this way, please simply email [frathomas@live.com](mailto:frathomas@live.com). Please provide your name and telephone number so that we can contact you.

Our Parish relies on donations to stay open and provide care and support to everyone in our community. Now more than ever, please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.