



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,
FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON,
NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1AE
and
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH,
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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: EASTER SUNDAY &

EASTER WEEK: 12th – 18th April 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

Saturday 11th April: <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<u>PARISH</u> <u>FINANCES</u>
<i>Easter Vigil; Pro Populo: People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 12th April: <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	
<i>Mass; Janus Gorny RIP (1st Anniversary)</i>	<i>4th / 5th April 2020</i>
Monday 13th April: <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Nora Morgans RIP (Anniversary)</i>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:
Tuesday 14th April: <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Bob Solloway RIP (Boland)</i>	TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP:
Wednesday 15th April: <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Mary Jones' Intentions</i>	
Thursday 16th April: <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Holy Souls</i>	
Friday 17th April: <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore (Foundation Mass)</i>	
Saturday 18th April: <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	
<i>Mass; Tom Mernagh RIP</i>	
Sunday 19th April: <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>	
<i>Mass; Patrick & Breege Munnelly RIP (Willis)</i>	
THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!	
<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>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>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.</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

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

The guidelines, as agreed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which remain in place:

Live streaming of Mass & other Services

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

Funerals – Developments

1. Guidance given before 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.

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.

Surrexit Dominus Alleluia!!

In these strange and challenging times may you all have a happy and holy Easter.

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* (**Assumption Support 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

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/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ>

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Holy Saturday 11th April The Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

Monday – Friday Mass at 1:00 pm

Saturday 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

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>

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!

Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Fr Martin Sylvester's YouTube Channel can be accessed at www.revms.uk/youtube

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 (or search SRS Chaplaincy) also if you visit our website there are lots of other resources too (www.srscmat.co.uk and click on Chaplaincy).

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.*

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 (frcathomas@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 frcathomas@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.