



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: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) &
SECOND WEEK OF EASTER (LOW WEEK): 19th – 25th April 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

<u>Saturday 18th April:</u> <u>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>
Mass; Tom Mernagh RIP	
<u>Sunday 19th April:</u> <u>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u>	
Mass; Patrick & Breege Munnelly RIP (Willis)	11 th / 12 th April 2020
<u>Monday 20th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>	
Mass; Charlotte Langham RIP (Calladine)	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:
<u>Tuesday 21st April:</u> <u>St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor (memoria)</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare:
Mass; Fr Gerard Dakin's Intentions	SVP:
<u>Wednesday 22nd April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>	
Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	
<u>Thursday 23rd April:</u> <u>St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)</u>	
Mass; Celebrant's Intentions	
<u>Friday 24th April:</u> <u>Easter Feria</u>	
Mass; Canon Eddie Matthews RIP (Deceased Clergy)	<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>Saturday 25th April:</u> <u>St Mark, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)</u>	
Mass; Canon Michael Hazell RIP (Deceased Clergy)	
<u>Sunday 26th April:</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>	
Mass; Bridget Ward RIP (1st Anniversary)	
THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!	
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).	
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.	

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 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. (Further details are listed below).

Funerals – Developments

1. Guidance given before remains in place: 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, Requiem Masses *in memorium* 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 hospitals, homes and Care 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. 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.

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>

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.

Sunday A Simple Mass at 11:00 am

Sunday A period of Prayer and Adoration before the image of Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

Monday – Friday Mass at 10:00 am

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

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

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

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).

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the souls of:

Louís Blackburn (Julie Mortimer's Dad) who died on *10th April 2020*;

Fr Stephan Foster who died on *Easter Sunday (12th April 2020)* and;

Fr Joseph Mc Govern who died on *13th April 2020*.

We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

Surrexit Dominus Alleluia!!

In spite of these strange and challenging days, "Thank You" for all the Easter cards and gifts that I received last weekend. Also, "Thank You" for the continuing messages of support, via the telephone, e - mail and social media; it is very much welcomed and appreciated. – Fr Christopher

POOR CLARES: On Holy Saturday I took your donations to the Sisters at Bulwell – observing the current social distancing rules of course. The Sisters had not expected to receive any gifts from us this month with the current restrictions in place and were so grateful. It is important that we continue to support them at this time if we possibly can so I will go to the Convent again on **Monday 25th May 2020** to take Parish gifts. Although it is not possible to leave donations in the Church now they can be left outside the Presbytery back door under the car port or delivered to my home for those of you who know my address. Many thanks to you all – *Diane Wilson*.

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

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.*

“***The Resurrection of Christ*** is the principle of new life for every man and every woman, for true renewal always begins from the heart, from the conscience. Yet Easter is also the beginning of the new world, set free from the slavery of sin and death: the world open at last to the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of love, peace and fraternity. Christ is alive and He remains with us. Risen, He shows us the light of His face and He does not abandon all those experiencing hardship, pain and sorrow.” ***Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Message, 21st April 2019***



CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY
THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY, WALSINGHAM
Walsingham - "England's Nazareth"

LIVE – STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY: In addition to the regular programme there will be the following; **AN EIGHT DAY RETREAT:** Monsignor John Armitage will lead an Eight Day Retreat. This will start after Compline at 8:00 pm on Sunday 19th April 2020 and finish on Sunday 26th April 2020. Details of the retreat programme are given on the Shrine website: www.walsingham.org.uk. **CATECHESIS:** The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April 2020. They will be shown at 10:30 am and 4:00pm each day.