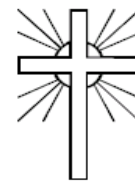


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Fr Martin writes:

When on Wednesday night I saw the information from our bishops, decreeing the measures that they have chosen to respond to the present situation, I thought it must have broken their hearts to write it. But it's the right thing to do, playing our part to keep each other safe, save lives, and support the NHS. Holy Mass will be celebrated by priests each day, but without any of the lay faithful present. The grace of the sacred mysteries will not cease to flow out from God's altars.

Many people will be deeply saddened to go without Holy Communion for a while. But we can all make a spiritual communion, in which we seek the grace that we would have been granted if we consumed the Blessed Sacrament.

One form of spiritual communion that has comforted and nourished people for many years is this: "I wish, oh Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, in the spirit and fervour of all the saints." You might want to prepare for that spiritual communion that with an act of faith in the real presence. Simply express in your own words your faith in the presence of your loving saviour within the tabernacles of the world. We can still nourish ourselves with the Word of God, by reading for ourselves the readings we would have heard in church. The newsletter each week will have the references for the Sunday readings, so we can look them up in our own bible. If you use the internet, you can read the daily readings at <https://universalis.com/europe.england.nottingham/mass.htm>

This week's Readings are:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalm 22(23)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Nobody should think they are sinning by not keeping their Sunday obligation. Cardinal Nichols, speaking for all the bishops, wrote that, "in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed."

It would be a good and holy thing to give to God the time we would have spent at Holy Mass, and keep our normal Mass time as a period of prayer, studying the readings, making a spiritual communion, and perhaps praying the rosary, or the divine office, or some other form of devotion that we find helpful.

Bishop Patrick has written to his clergy offering some more details on the necessary arrangements. Bishop Patrick asks that, where it possible, those churches which are already open in the day for private prayer should remain open. My first desire was to open our two churches for three hours each day, but on listening to the opinions of others and receiving some information that I had not previously known, after taking advice I have had to admit that, as things presently stand, we would not be able to meet the minimum standards needed to keep people safe, especially visitors who would find themselves alone in the church.

Other churches in the deanery, already accustomed to opening in the day, hope to continue to do so, but this was not certain as this newsletter went to press. Their clergy agreed to share with us their church opening times as soon as they are confirmed. Bishop Patrick has told us that baptisms are to be deferred until the bishops' advisers say it is safe; but naturally, a person in danger of death may be baptised, without a congregation, and with special hygiene precautions. First Reconciliation, First Communions, and Confirmations are deferred until it is safe.

Bishop Patrick asks that people planning to marry postpone their wedding, but he says that "in case of necessity" vows may be exchanged without a congregation, observing the requirements of civil and church law.

Bishop Patrick has decreed that pastoral visits are not to be made to people who are self-isolating, and suggests people offer them support by phone. I know that this is going on already in our parishes. There are special hygiene provisions for the sacrament of the sick.

Bishop Patrick tells us that while funerals may not take place in church, clergy may conduct a service at the graveside or in a crematorium chapel. He tells us that the bishops have not yet made a decision about arrangements for people who were expecting to be baptised or received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

If a parishioner makes an appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Bishop Patrick instructs that this is to be celebrated in the confessional, and for hygiene reasons the cloth or veil between penitent and priest may not be moved aside.

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Parish Events This Week

Please note that all meetings and groups are cancelled for the time being.

This week, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass for the following Intentions:

Joseph Watts RIP, Thanksgiving to St Ann & St Anthony (SM), Holy Souls, Dominic & Bernard Rowbottom (GR), Jim Burke RIP, Michael Bent RIP (M & DT), Maureen Elliott RIP, Maureen Elliott RIP, and People of the Parish.

There are some ways people can hear Mass online.

Every Sunday at 10am, Bishop Patrick will livestream his Mass from his private chapel, using his YouTube channel. There will not be a congregation present. You can find the channel by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/patricktube>

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be continuing their livestreaming service, and they plan to show Holy Mass at 9.30am every day. There will not be a congregation present. <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>
We know that our hope in Jesus Christ is not for this life alone, but he calls those who have embraced his mercy, and desire to serve him, to share his death and so share his resurrection. This hope in a share of the resurrection will not make us take lightly the deaths of our loved ones or others, but it will give a quality to our grieving unknown to those who live without our hope for eternal life.

We will co-operate calmly and generously with provisions to protect public health, knowing that whatever the outcome may be for ourselves, or for others, we have an eternal home beyond this world.

Holy Mass for your intention:

Fr Martin continues to offer Holy Mass for your intentions. While you may continue to use Mass Intention envelopes, there is now, in response to the present circumstances, a method of requesting an intention from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. There are eight easy steps.

1. Visit <https://www.paypal.me/fathermartin>
2. Enter the amount of Mass offering you wish to give.
3. Click or tap "Next"
4. Log in to your Paypal account, or click or tap "Sign up" to set up a new Paypal account. If you are setting up a new account, go back to step 1 when you are ready.
5. Click or tap "Add a note" and then type in your desired Mass intention. For example, "Please offer Holy Mass for Arthur and Tessa Sylvester RIP"
6. Do NOT tick the box that says "Paying for goods or a service"
7. Click or tap "Continue"
8. Check that everything looks right, then click or tap "Send money now"

*You can also use this service to send a personal donation to Fr Martin,
for example a contribution to the Easter Offerings.*

Supporting your parish:

In the event that Holy Mass is no longer celebrated in public, many people who currently support our parishes by donating cash each week in the collection will be eager to find a way to continue their support. If you send a stamped addressed envelope to Fr Martin he will send you a standing order form to fill in and send to your bank.

Mark your envelope "SMC" if you wish to support St Mary's, and "AS" if you wish to support All Saints, and send it to Royle House, Church Street, Glossop SK13 7RJ.

If you have signed up for online banking, and are confident about setting up a new standing order online, these are the details you need. Please double check your work, because even one wrong number will result in your money being sent to someone else, not to your parish!

For St Mary Crowned, the details are: Account Name - St Mary RC Glossop RCP; Account Number - 00462783; Sort Code - 30-13-32.

For All Saints, Account Name - All Saints Glossop RCP; Account Number - 00654151; Sort Code - 30-13-32.

Coronavirus and Helping Hands: During the outbreak, Helping Hands volunteers will be available to help the housebound or quarantined who need any of the following: picking up shopping, posting mail, a friendly phone call, or any urgent supplies. Email: bellevue37@yahoo.com [Rob Faulkner] Tel: 07923542896 [Wynn Moran]

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