

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ

As a response to the Coronavirus crisis the Bishops of England and Wales have laid down that no public services be celebrated in the Church until further notice. This is a hardship for us all, but we can look at it in this Lenten season as a sharing in Christ's own cross. The Church will remain open for people to come and pray throughout the day from around 9.00am until 7.00pm, and Mass will be offered in private each day for the whole Parish Community.

This does not mean that the life of the Parish grinds to a halt. We will be encouraging those who are feeling alone or isolated or in any particular need to contact us, and providing leaflets to help those individuals or families pray the Mass on Sundays. We particularly direct people to catholicreadings.org to find various prayers, Sunday readings and other help. As well as this we are investigating the possibility of installing a system to livestream the Sunday Mass for you to be able to watch at home.

A fuller account of all that is being done will be published on the website, and also in the Parish Newsletter which will continue to be produced each week and will be available in the Church.

The Sacraments will be made available on a limited basis for those who need Confession, Communion or Anointing. In such cases please ring to make an appointment.

Above all, let us use this time as a time to pray for one another, to support one another and to place our trust firmly in God, our loving Father.

Yours in Christ
Fr Jonathan