



St Hugh of Lincoln Bilborough, St Teresa of Lisieux Aspley, St Thomas More Wollaton

Three parishes, one community in the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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The impact of the Corona Virus on our parish life

Dear

You will no doubt have heard the very sad news that was announced by Cardinal Nicholls following the meeting of the Conference of Bishops of England and Wales that as from 20 March until further notice we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. Effectively this means that celebration of Mass will take place without a public congregation.

As your pastors we wanted to write to you and your families personally, to express our own deep sadness to you, that we will no longer be able to gather together as community week by week, for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is a situation that none of us could ever have imagined, and the fact that Easter is so close makes it all the more tragic. So please be assured that we feel your sorrow at this time.

However we want to ensure that everyone feels cared for and provided with all the pastoral and spiritual support that is possible in the circumstances. We want to encourage you to make best use of the internet and social media to keep in touch and to think about following the Sunday Mass by logging onto the Cathedral website to follow the live streaming of the liturgy. This can be found at:

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

or by accessing Bishop Patrick's You Tube site at

<https://www.facebook.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/>

We will also upload onto the parish website the weekly bulletin and some other links and prayers which can be accessed and down loaded to help and support us all at this anxious time. Our prayer life is now the most important expression of our faith and so let us make it fervent and powerful.

It is vital that we remain connected throughout this period. We must do all we can to make sure that no-one is neglected or overlooked. Telephone conversations, Facebook and twitter interaction will be great vehicles by which we can continue to engage and feel part of our communities. Also looking out for one another as regards physical and material necessities must be considered as part of our Christian duty of care. The building up of support mechanisms to see that no-one goes without is very important. **If you feel that you need any support with regard to shopping, having anything delivered, or would like to join in with shared telephone conversation then please let the clergy know by providing your details and contacting us on the phone or by email.**

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Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Teresa-of-Lisieux-Aspley-Nottingham>

We have already had a good number of parishioners who have very generously offered to help with ensuring that our parishioners are looked after. If you would like to offer your help then please let us have your contact details (mobile number, postal address and email address along with written permission) and send it to one of the clergy team.

We are sure that you all will rise to this challenge and become even stronger in your faith. We thank you for all that you do for our parishes, for all the support you provide and the great commitment that you have shown and continue to show. This will now be needed more than ever, to make certain that when this period is over, we can be seen to have come through it with a deeper faith and a renewed hope.

We are always at your service to do the work of making the kingdom present. let us remember the words of Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper when he spoke to them as they ate with him:

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him bears fruit in plenty...What I command you is to love one another.

Let us pray that we remain strong in our faith and loving in our work.

God bless you all

Fr Stanley Fr Richard Deacon Anthony