

### Message from Fr Michael

While there are no Masses or meetings at St. Anne's, Mass will be said with the Mass intentions each day without a congregation. The Church will remain open during the day for quiet prayer. Use this time to strengthen your relationship with God. Use the following resources to help with prayer and maybe do a virtual retreat.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/12590/isolated-but-not-alone-resources-for-catholics>

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/video-masses-prayer-apps-and-virtual-retreats-spiritual-resources-for-this-time/>

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life>

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre/resources>

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### Churches Together in England

'At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.' (CTE Presidents )

From our own Bishop,

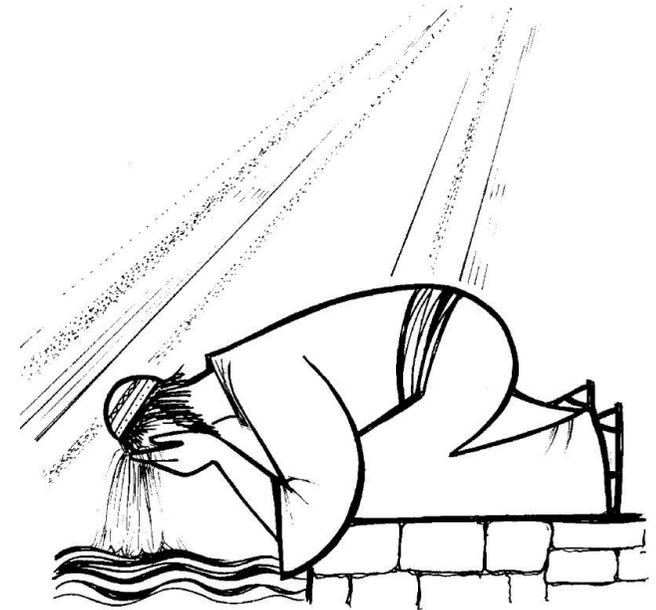
Dear brothers and sisters,

I encourage you all to take part in this moment of prayer with all our Christian brothers and sisters. We are all living in rather challenging times and the witness of our prayer will be a great comfort to many, as they see candles alight in our windows.

With the assurance of my prayers and with every Blessing,

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A



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#### *Sunday Masses*

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

#### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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#### *Parish Clergy - Salesians of Don Bosco*

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## The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have announced that public worship will be suspended from Friday evening (March 20th)

In a statement the Bishops' Conference said

"In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, until further notice.

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."

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Further details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take can be found on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>. Details of online Mass services can be found on the next page.

With a number of people within the family of the Diocese compelled to self-isolate many will value the possibility of watching a live streamed celebration of Mass. The following churches in our Diocese will stream Masses online, allowing our many congregations to continue participating in the spiritual life of the Church during this time:

St Mary of the Angels, Worthing -

<https://www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk/catholic-mass-online/>.

St Dunstan's, Woking <http://st-dunstans.org/streaming/>

St Paul's, Haywards Heath will be streaming via Facebook, their page can be accessed. <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.RH16/>

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> offers a 12 noon online Pilgrim Mass each day, a selection of previously recorded services and a prayer request facility.

Church Service TV <https://www.churchservices.tv/country/england> provides live streaming and recordings from churches around the country.

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Pope Francis dedicated a prayer for the Covid-19/Coronavirus to Our Lady last week. Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, said that the Pope wanted to entrust "the entire world to the protection of the Mother of God, as a sign of salvation and hope" during the ongoing coronavirus emergency:

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,*

*as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

*joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,*

*to conform ourselves to the Father's will*

*and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*