

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://cafod.org.uk/> for prayer resources/ home learning click the pray/schools and youth tabs

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

<https://catholicerald.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>

Act of Spiritual Communion - said by those unable to go to Communion. My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori).

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,

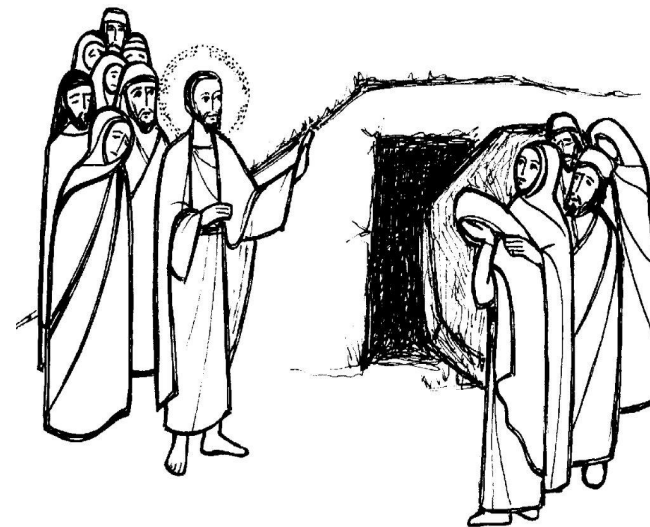
Dear brothers and sisters,

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, +Richard

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29th March 2020
5th Sunday of Lent Year A



Sunday Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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Behold 2020

Behold 2020 is the event that celebrates the re-dedication of England as "The Dowry of Mary" at midday on 29 March 2020. On the day we can respond in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment. At midday, please join in the Angelus

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/Behold-2020-Angelus-Promise.pdf>

PASTORAL MESSAGE

24th March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Following the Government announcement yesterday, mandating the closure of places of worship, I have informed all our parish priests that, with immediate effect, all churches, halls and associated facilities must be closed until further notice.

This requirement has been made with a heavy heart, for I am very conscious of the importance of our churches for all of us. They are places where we celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments and hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained. They are places of prayer, reflection, rest and peace. They are places where we gather as communities, offering a welcome to so many.

This closure comes at a very difficult time for us all, but it is vital that we work with everyone else in society to do everything we can to respond to the crisis caused by the Coronavirus, Covid-19. The more effective we are in observing the present restrictions, the more effective will be the response.

It goes without saying that it is very difficult for us not to be able to join in the celebration of the Eucharist. The fact that Masses are being celebrated day by day in all our churches - albeit behind locked doors - will, I know, be a comfort to us all. The Mass reaches beyond those closed doors, for the whole world, together with the angels and saints, is present whenever the Eucharist is celebrated.


Join in these celebrations through live-streaming whenever you can. The churches providing this service are listed on the Diocesan Website and information is also available on e-news. If you are not signed up to our Diocesan e-news, please do so now.

I cannot encourage you strongly enough to continue your lives of prayer and your reflection on the Scriptures. Pray the Rosary and, in this Season of Lent, reflect on the Stations of the Cross. There are many resources available online.

Many of you will have taken part in the Nationwide moment of prayer on Sunday-last. I call on you all to join in this practice at 7pm each week; the lighted candles in your windows offering a beacon of hope to others.

Know, too, that the Lord is with us on this difficult stage of our journey. He never leaves us and - perhaps as never before - we are called upon to follow Him, persevering in faith, hope and love for the good of all.

May Mary, the Mother of Christ and our Mother too, intercede for us.

Be assured of my own prayers for you all, especially those who are affected personally by the Coronavirus and all working in healthcare in our hospitals and communities. With every  Blessing,

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.