

The following will **NOT** be going ahead until further notice:

Children's Liturgy, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Meeting, Cenacolo Prayers & Meeting, Thursday Club, Lent Soup, Youth Clubs, First Holy Communion Sessions and Confirmation Sessions.

LENT SCRIPTURE MEETINGS with Fr Hugh will continue:

Tuesday 24th March – 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th March – 2.15 pm (*repeat of 24th evening session*)

Tuesday 31st March – 2.15pm & 7.30pm (*repeat of 2.15pm session*)

The only rota we will be continuing is the Cleaners. I am happy for the cleaners to continue **ONLY IF THEY WISH TO DO SO**. I will leave it up to the individuals to decide if they want to come in or not.

MISSIO THANK YOU for the generous total of £2005.85 raised from our parish in 2019. Missio.org.uk. (Red boxes will be available soon for those that requested).

15th March Offertory: £750.65 *Thank you*

Join England in 2020 - Consecration to Jesus through Mary

25th March (The Annunciation). All who are following the consecration will consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary on this Feast Day.

26th – 28th March (3 day triduum of prayer). All will be invited to recite the Litany of Saints and Martyrs of England and pray the Rosary in preparation for the dedication.

29th March - A personal dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary, following the guidelines in the book *The Angelus Promise*.

OUR 'LIVE SIMPLY' CLEANING TIPS FOR THIS WEEK:

Oven: Sprinkle baking soda, rub it in (and black/brown off) with damp cloth, cold water will do.

Shower heads: Old toothbrush + vinegar & water solution. Nailbrush is an alternative. Allegedly, this also cleans lime deposits (no experience to confirm if it does).

Silver: Put cooking foil in bowl, baking soda or washing crystals, in a layer on it, place silver cutlery on soda on foil, pour over hot water. (Some recommend boiling water, cutlery too hot to handle).

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – 22nd March 2020

TODAY'S READINGS:

I once was lost, but now I am found ...

The drama of today's Gospel, is of a simple man open to God's presence and arrogant men who cannot see the Christ standing right in front of them. The blind man is the one with sight. The Pharisees are blind. Little has changed. Today's so-called intellectuals belittle us because we are people of faith. Yet they cannot answer the questions that matter: What is life really about? What is the purpose of human struggles? Can we have true happiness? - we can! Life is about the God who gives us life. We exist to love, honour and serve Him. With Him every aspect of our life has meaning and purpose. His love is experienced in the love of our families and friends. We experience His love in one another. In his 'Gospel of Joy' Pope Francis calls us to help others see our joy in Jesus. It is not enough just to call ourselves Christians. We must bring Jesus to others. As Jesus healed the man born blind, we must lead others out of darkness into the Light of Christ. Pope Francis calls us to share our joy and proclaim it with our lives to those who are searching.

... was blind, but now I see!

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN FOLLOW MASS:

EWTN Catholic TV channel or online www.ewtn.com/radio/podcasts/daily-mass-ENMASS

Pope Francis Mass every morning from Rome

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html

Mass every Sunday from Workington - www.mcnmedia.tv and at Walsingham - www.walsingham.org.uk

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio - www.heavensroadfm.com

This online UK radio broadcasts over 250 live Holy Masses each week from 20 churches in England and Ireland. Follow on facebook, Twitter, www.heavensroadfm.com/live-masses. Visit the website to find out more, and listen to inspiring programmes. There are prayers, Rosary, Angelus, prayers for the sick, plus lots of feature programmes and music. The radio is a not-for-profit radio station and is reliant upon donations. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now.

Every day of the week Father Hugh will be saying Mass privately and will continue to say Mass for the intentions requested. If you wanted to be at a particular Mass please let us know and we will postpone that Mass request until the church is fully open again.

Sat 21st **Saturday of 4th week in Lent**
Mario Valenzuela LD

Sun 22nd **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
People of the parish

Mon 23rd **Monday of 4th week in Lent**
Helen Robinson RIP

Tues 24th **Tuesday of 4th week in Lent**
Wilf Anderson RIP

Wed 25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**
Love and Thanks

Thurs 26th **Thursday of 4th week in Lent**
Betty & George Stuart (65th Wedding Anniversary memories)

Fri 27th **Friday of 4th week in Lent**
John Bowman LD

Sat 28th **Saturday of 4th week in Lent**
Joan Baines RIP

Sun 29th **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Nichole & Andrew and the people of the parish

The Funeral Service for John Bowman will be at Beetham Crematorium on Tuesday 24th March for family only.

Confessions (instructions from the Bishops): Confession may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (eg. a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest such as a grille and cloth)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: John Bowman, Mary Toal.

SICK: George Weld-Blundell, Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Patrick Taylor.

ANNIVERSARIES: Olive Parkinson, Valentina (Val) Ryba, Mary Barnett, Edna Holland, Simone Schofield, Margaret Wilkinson, Fr. H. Gillett, Audrey Denny, Simon Muir, James Stephens, Mary White, Bishop Lawrence Hardman, Joseph Kelly, Frances Carlisle, Hannai Makkinje, Teresa Bingham, Arthur Keeley, Charles Whitfield, Joseph Hutton, Mary Bryer, Mabel Hall, Barbara Wilson, Ted Eden, Thomas Blackledge, Michael Helly, Bella Lowther, Joseph Gamble, Peter Helly.



Praying together on Sunday in your own home:

It might be a nice idea if at the time when you normally go to Mass to follow the 'When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly' sheet which you can find on the website or at the back of church and perhaps put a little candle in the window as you do so knowing that others are praying with you.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES Liturgical Advice in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. 18th March 2020:

All Masses have been suspended from Friday until further notice, this includes funeral Masses but not services at the graveside or crematorium. Friday Mass (20th March) will be our last. We will try to Live Stream a Mass but it is not easy from the church.

The church will be open as usual from 7.30am – 6pm (or thereabouts) each day. There are prayers as you come in and sheets for Stations of the Cross. Do come in and pray.

There will be a bulletin emailed and on the website and at the back of church each week. If you have not already signed up to receive these by email please do so if you wish. You can still email in with things for the bulletin. (These might be helpful ideas about the current situation and what we can do.)

Please let me know if you are self-isolating, if you wish to. We have set up some groups around the parish and could link you into one of these to keep contact with you. Please keep an eye out for those who may be alone.

Do not hesitate to ring the presbytery or call round. Leave a message if no one is in.

Some people may wish to use standing order for the collection. Please ring for the parish's bank details.

Prayer is very important at this time. It is in prayer and in the presence of Christ in our community as the body of Christ that binds us together whether we can physically get together or not. We are never alone when Christ is present with us.

"In a Christian Community everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. Every Christian community must realise that not only do the weak need the strong, but also that the strong cannot exist without the weak." Dietrich Bonhoeffer