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CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

## A letter from the President and Vice-President on behalf of all the Bishops of the Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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, 20th 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.

You will find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take in the accompanying document and on the Bishops' Conference website ([www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)). Your own bishop and parish priest will provide further support, encouragement and information about our way of prayer together in the coming weeks.

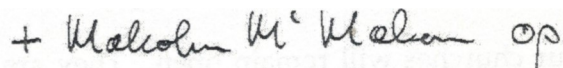
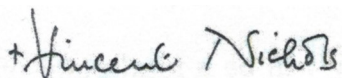
The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you.

*'The Lord is my shepherd, There is nothing I shall want.'*

May God bless us all.  
Vincent Cardinal Nichols  
President

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP  
Vice-President



Although Public Mass and Liturgies cannot be celebrated, we aim to keep our three Churches open for private prayer at least from 10am to 5pm. There are prayer boards inside for anyone to place a prayer request, please pray for the intentions gathered before the Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, even if you cannot get to the Church in person. Add to your bookmarks/favourites our parish website [www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk](http://www.thenativityofthelord.org.uk) where we will post updates and ideas for prayer in the home and family.

**PARISH CLERGY:**

**Fr Tony Bridson**

**Dcn Tim Murrill** (07545 175448)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon - Thu 9am - 3pm 01737 761017

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Hall Hire Bookings:

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**PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

Katie Jones - c/o 01737 761017

**SCHOOLS:**

St Joseph's - 01737 765373

[www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs-redhill.surrey.sch.uk)

St Bede's - 01737 212108

[www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-bedes.surrey.sch.uk)

St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367

[www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk](http://www.stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk)

**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**

[www.17threigate.org](http://www.17threigate.org)

**EAST SURREY HOSPITAL**

The hospital does not inform the chaplain of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either a patient or their family. This needs to be made clear to the staff on admission to the hospital. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to admission.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Veronica Readman, Olive Regan, Michael Payne, Maria Mellone, Jaden Sebastian, Noreen Leigh, Jim Howley, Shelagh Green, Bobette O'Connell, Lydia Fagan, Pauline Vine, Anne Grier, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Chris Bayley, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Joe & Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pam Dysart, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Pat Weller, Betty Murphy, John Warren, Jim & Brigid Gow, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Matt Tunney, Sheilaine Barrientos, Sarah Healy, Ruth Metcalfe, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, John Philmore, Richard & Meli Greaves, Daniel Correia, Maria Dimaculangan, Mary Carey, Maura Green, John Gaynor, Peter Reade, Molly Greaves, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

*If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.*

**PARISH MASS INTENTIONS**

**Fr Tony and Fr Binoy will continue  
to celebrate Mass privately.**

**4<sup>th</sup> (Laetare) Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

**Sat 21 Mar**

Michael & Elizabeth Ashe RIP

**Sun 22 Mar**

People of the Parish

Pat Donachie RIP

Rita Keary RIP

**Mon 23 Mar**

Kitty & Ray Sharpe RIP

**Tue 24 Mar**

No Mass

**Wed 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord**

Patricia Taffurelli RIP

**Thur 26 Mar**

Charles Eardly's Intention

**Fri 27 Mar**

Private intention

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:11-25,26..

**Response:** *With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.*

**Sat 28 Mar**

Tom Moriarty RIP

**Sun 29 Mar**

John Foxwell RIP

People of the Parish

Teresa & Pat Hayes' Intention

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:**

**Archbishop Peter Smith RIP.**

**Cecilia Gilbert RIP.** Her funeral will take place at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers.**

**PARISH DIARY**

**All meetings in the parish are cancelled until further notice.**

**ST MATTHEWS FOODBANK**

Please take food to St Matthews Mon/Wed/Fri between 12noon and 2pm. Needed are noodles/biscuits/cereal/toilet rolls/shower gel. Many thanks

**COLLECTIONS**

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1158.19

*Thank you for your generosity.*