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**St Barnabas
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Nottingham



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

*Saturday 21st March 2020 ~ Sunday 29th March 2020
Psalter Week IV ~ Sundays - Year A ~ Weekdays - Cycle II*

All Public Acts of Worship are suspended until further notice!

**All advice given in this newsletter will be reviewed and developed
as necessary weekly.**

Cathedral House, the Cathedral Office and Music Department are closed to members of the public. If you wish to have urgent contact with Canon Malachy or Fr Mathew, please telephone them on 0115 9539 839 and press the relevant extension number.

For enquiries or to book a Mass, please also do this via the telephone. Stipends can be posted or given at a later date but for the foreseeable future if you book or have already booked a Mass Intention then this Mass will be celebrated in private.

We will try and keep the office running as normal as possible during this uncertain time. We appreciate your cooperation in trying to help us keep the Clergy and staff free from the symptoms of the Coronavirus. Please remember that this is the Priests' home as well as a place of work. Thank you.

Today: We have a saying that "Love is blind." You might hear this statement at a wedding from young men, who wonder, how a beautiful bride could possibly see anything in a groom, who is, in their judgment, much less handsome than they. "What does she see in that guy?" they ask. Sometimes the situation is turned around and the young women ask, "What does he see in that girl?" With a shrug, people respond, "Love is blind".

I believe it is a mistake to think that love is blind. I think that love, and love alone, can truly see, all the wonderful qualities in a human person, a deeper way of seeing. Faith is something like that. Faith, and faith alone, can truly see all the wonders of God.

Those without faith look at a fellow human being and see only a rational animal. Those with faith see a child of God. Those without faith pick up a Bible and find only words. Those with faith discover the Word of God. Those without faith look at the Eucharist and see only bread and wine. Those with faith experience the reality of the Lord's Body given up for us and his blood poured out for us. Those without faith look at suffering and see only tragedy. Those with faith believe that suffering is a share in the cross of Christ. Those without faith look at death and see separation and oblivion. Those with faith accept death as a step which leads to a new, fuller, life through the resurrection of Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for baptism and to renew its meaning. Baptism gives us a new life which makes us children of God and members of his family here on earth, the Church. Like newly born babies, members of this family, open their eyes in the birth of baptism upon a new world. They can see the beauty of God's wonders because of the gift of faith. Faith, like love, is not blind. It is the only way to see. (MB)

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Having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, it has been agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin following the 6.15pm Mass this Friday 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice. Please help us to pass this information to parishioners and your family members as soon as possible, especially those who are elderly or in a vulnerable group and have no internet access, so that they do not feel anxious or worried about not attending Mass.

The Cathedral will be open daily for private prayer or to light a candle for a period of time throughout the day.

A copy of the Mass Sheet and Bidding Prayers for this weekend are available on this website and there are also some copies available at the back of the Church for people to take home if they come to the Cathedral for Private Prayer.

Confessions may be offered on request.

Please use the hand sanitiser before you enter and as you leave and please make sure that social distancing is taking place.

The Cathedral will close during the week between the hours of 12.30pm and 1.45pm for Private Mass to take place. Any members of the public in the Cathedral at this time will be asked to leave and the doors will be closed. This will enable us to stream the Mass. We ask for your generosity and understanding at this time.

A Private Mass will be said at 10am on Sunday. This Mass will be recorded.

You can watch all Masses and Recordings via the Cathedral Streaming Service on our website: stbarnabascathedral.org.uk

Bishop Patrick has also created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live-streamed from the Chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to the Bishop's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Sunday Mass will be streamed at 10am this coming Sunday, 22nd March and each Sunday during this period.

Other devotions will be advertised on the Bishop's social media channels.

Bishop Patrick invites all parishioners to join him this Friday evening, March 20th at 7pm for a half hour period of Adoration, praying for all who are suffering or affected by this virus. This is a small way of remaining united in prayer as we begin this time in the Diocese without public Masses.

Prayers Please pray especially that all communities, in this time of trial and testing, may be spared the worst of this illness and continue to love one another and be patient and kind. We pray for the sick of our two parishes, especially Christopher and Julie Roberts. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment and those who are in nursing homes or being cared for at home. We also remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Weekly Offering During this time of uncertainty we would very much still like to receive any offerings that you are able to give. If you are able to pay by cheque, please make the cheque payable to St Barnabas Cathedral RCP or St Augustine's RCP. Alternatively if you would like to switch to a Standing Order, please contact the Cathedral Office who will send the relevant forms out to you. If you are attending the Cathedral for Private Prayer, there is a box situated in the Lady Chapel to give your usual weekly contribution. Thank you.

Parish Finances Last Week

	St Augustine	Cathedral
Loose Plate	£ 212.78	£ 918.69
Envelopes	£ 171.00	£ 531.02
S/Orders	£ 160.20	£ 707.68
Total	£ 543.98	£ 2,157.39

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