

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

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.