

## SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### **NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

Following the latest advice from the Diocese and the Bishops Conference we will no longer gather for public acts of worship in our Church, until further notice.

This will begin from this evening, Friday 20th March 2020.

Our Church will remain open as a focal point of prayer, where we can all find solace and strength. Mass intentions will still be offered.

We hope you and your families all keep safe and well during this time. God bless.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Thank you to everyone who attended the St Patrick's day Mass. It was an uplifting service.

**ONLINE MASSES:** If you have access to the internet you may want to visit: [www.churchservices.tv/churches](http://www.churchservices.tv/churches) Here you can find online Masses in England, Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland; there are a few Churches signed up to the site in Greater London, including:

- St Joseph & the English Martyrs, Bishop's Stortford
- St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood
- St Mary, Hampstead
- St Anselm & St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields
- Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate
- St Monica, Palmers Green
- Holy Apostles, Pimlico
- Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar
- St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage

**LONDON JESUIT CENTRE:** As a way of keeping minds and hearts nourished in these changing and challenging days we offer a selection of prayer opportunities for you to choose from: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life>; as well as an abundance of audio recordings that you have never had the time to listen to before!: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre/resources>

'May the peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand guard our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus' (based on Philipians 4 v7).

**CAFOD:** If you are looking for a way to engage your children in the gospel from home, join CAFOD for our virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am GMT this Sunday. Register now to take part here. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

**A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL** was recorded the other day, about the latest developments and offering a word of encouragement to the faithful. Here's a link where it can be viewed: <https://vimeo.com/398532027>. It is also available on the Bishops' Conference website.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT**

**WALSINGHAM:** In the light of the restrictions under which we now operate the Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary on the 29th March will now not take place at the Sunday Mass, but it is a prayer that can take place anywhere and indeed anytime. We invite you to take part in whatever way you can, whenever you can. A range of resources, including the livestream and prayers for the Re-dedication, are all available from [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com).

Walsingham Live will be streaming from the Basilica 24/7, with a timetable of prayers, devotions, and Mass available. This means that those who are isolating can make their own pilgrimage at home. This stream, along with more content, can be found at [www.LentInIsolation.com](http://www.LentInIsolation.com).

**MAGNIFICAT ONLINE:** As there will be no public Masses for an indefinite period starting this weekend and an increasing number of people are self-isolating there will undoubtedly be a substantial number of you who will be unable to get to Church for several weeks.

To help you follow the Mass, daily prayers, reading, etc. at home, and also keep up with the weekly church news we are offering free access to Magnificat online, and for those who would like the Print Edition there is a special one-off 4-month subscription to Magnificat and/or a 3-month subscription to The Catholic Herald at a discounted price to ensure that the maximum number of people can take advantage.

The subscriptions can only be ordered by telephoning Margaret on 020 7448 3607 or Paul on 020 7448 3618 between 9.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Magnificat 4 months April to July (including the Holy Week special issue) for £14

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Both Catholic Herald and Magnificat (as above) £36

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**NEWSPAPERS:** The Catholic newspapers: Herald, Times and Universe; are still available for purchase at the back of the Church.

**LET US PRAY** for one another, for those who are already suffering, for those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, for those who are working tirelessly to help others in these difficult times.

**Please see the reverse side for a letter from Cardinal Nichols.**



## 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.

May God bless us all.

*+ Vincent Nichols*

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President

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Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP  
Vice-President

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020