



St Peter's & St. Paul's R.C. Churches

NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Lent Year—A

29th March 2020



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Since the compulsory closure of the church last Thursday I have been celebrating Mass in the Oratory, praying for you and your loved ones, asking the Lord to keep everyone safe and to keep us strong spiritually, physically and mentally throughout this crisis. Please be assured of my prayers each day until we come together again in church for the celebration of Mass.

In these past nine days I have been encouraged and at times moved to tears when I hear of, or see through the media the selfless deeds of so many people caring for their families, neighbours and members of the general public. The tireless commitment of those people in the medical and caring professions especially is commendable. We are truly grateful to all of them for their sacrifices and incredible efforts in caring for the sick. Please remember them in your prayers.

For those of you who can, I refer you to the parish website which changes almost on a daily basis with new and important information. Whenever any updates arrive you will receive them via the website. Please check everyday to ensure that you know what is happening. A big thank you to Kathleen Nolan for her conscientious commitment in keeping us well informed.

On a personal level, may I say that I struggle in conscience not being able to attend to the sick and dying in their homes or to have access to the elderly in our care homes. On a few occasions I have been called by parishioners to attend to a loved one. Sadly I was unable to administer the Sacraments of the Church. The families understood and accepted my reasons for not being able to attend, solely because of the Coronavirus.

Thankfully, Pope Francis made provision for the faithful in the event that the priest would not be able to attend to the sick and dying by granting them his special blessing and all the graces necessary at that time. Thanks be to God!

Keep well and be assured that you are in my prayers.

Canon Eddie

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DIOCESAN DIRECTIVE

Baptisms are deferred (except in cases of danger of death) *Catechumens and Candidates: arrangements for reception into the full communion with the Church will be made at a later date.*

Weddings are deferred. **First Holy Communion & Confirmation:**

Please note that the scheduled dates for these Sacraments have been postponed due to the impact of Coronavirus. Amended dates will be provided as soon as possible.

Funerals: **Funeral rites will be held at the place of committal** since Places of Public Worship are closed. **Arrangements with families will be made by 'phone in place of home visits.** *Given the importance of health and safety during this pandemic, only close family members are permitted to attend an interment or cremation* Some families mourning their loved ones may be unable to attend the funeral due to them being in self-isolation. **Please be assured that a Memorial Mass will be offered at a later date.**

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The Holy Week Masses and Services will be celebrated **PRIVATELY** in the church. I encourage you on those days, in so far as you can, to pray with me these special liturgies that are central to the Catholic faith in this Great Holy Week. I will include special prayers around the Coronavirus, praying for the safety and wellbeing of all. Palms will be blessed on Palm Sunday at Mass and will be available for parishioners at a later date when it is safe to distribute them. I will celebrate the liturgies on the following days:

Palm Sunday at 11am.
Holy Thursday at 7pm.
Good Friday at 3pm.
Easter Vigil at 8.30pm.
Easter Sunday at 11am.

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Parish Priest

Very Rev. Edward D. Canon Cameron

Permanent Deacon

Rev. John Morrison

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fiona Lamond, Catriona Burnett, Terry Bisland, Henry McKinney, Helen Doyle, Denny Moran, Carol Gordon, Louise Cunningham.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Frank McKenna, Denis Moran.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

John Dickson.

Prayer of Thanks

Thanks to St Rita of Cascia and St Philip Neri for favours granted. St Roch, Pray for us.

SICK—DEAD—ANNIVERSARIES

Please, if you wish, send me your requests for prayers at my weekend Masses for your loved ones who are sick or recently dead, as well as anniversaries of those who have died. Give me a call at the house or simply email their names and I will ensure that they are prayed for at my Masses.

LUCKY STARS FIFTY/FIFTY

The Lucky Stars Draw is suspended until further notice. Thank you for your faithful support these past eighteen months in generating necessary funds for the redevelopment of the church, house and hall. All monies will be carried forward and become active when the draw resumes.

EASTER EGG APPEAL Steven Cameron Funerals

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated Easter eggs to this appeal. Your generous donations have been delivered to Steven and will be distributed to worthy recipients.

Should you have any eggs still to donate, please deliver them directly to the Funeral Home.
Thank you for your kindness.

Email: stpeter@rcdop.org.uk
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THE MAGNIFICAT

Dear Father

As there will be no public Masses for an indefinite period and an increasing number of people are self-isolating there will undoubtedly be a substantial number of your parishioners who will be unable to get to Church for several weeks. **To help them 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 substantially discounted and affordable prices** to ensure that the maximum number of people can take advantage. So that as many people as possible can take advantage of the free and/or discounted offers can you please make your parishioners aware of these options and how to order in any way you are able? They can only be ordered by telephoning Margaret on 020 7448 3607 or Paul on 020 7448 3618 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Below are special prices to help people over this difficult period and orders will need to be placed before Easter:

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

Catholic Herald 3 months (13 weeks) for £25

Both Catholic Herald and Magnificat (as above) £36

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We hope that those who want to follow the Masses, prayers, readings, etc. feel that they can still share in the life of the Church.

Thank you and best wishes

Dennis Charlick

Circulation Director

Vatican takes steps on the Easter liturgy

While conferences and meetings can be postponed for months because of the coronavirus pandemic, the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter cannot, with the exception of the Chrism Mass, said the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. However, the Triduum and Easter liturgies will be celebrated “without the presence of the faithful”. “Easter is at the heart of the entire liturgical year and is not simply one feast among others. The Easter Triduum is celebrated over the arc of three days, which is preceded by Lent and crowned by Pentecost and, therefore, cannot be transferred to another time.”. The decree was signed by Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, and by Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary. The priests would still be expected to renew their priestly promises. Where public Masses have been cancelled, the decree says that the bishops should ensure that the Holy Week liturgies are celebrated in the cathedral and in parish churches. The faithful should be advised of the times for the celebrations, so that they can pray at home at the same time. ‘Live – not recorded – televisual or internet broadcasts are helpful,’ the decree said. On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper should be celebrated in the cathedral and in parish churches. If there is no access or the priest is quarantined, “the faculty to celebrate this Mass in a suitable place is granted in an exceptional manner to all priests this year.’ ‘The washing of feet is to be omitted’, the decree added. The traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Mass also is omitted, and the Eucharist is placed directly in the tabernacle. If there is any way to do so, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion should be celebrated and, among the formal prayers of petition, there should be ‘a special intention for the sick and the dead.

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