



22 March 2020

Thought for the Week At this moment we stand before God. That is never to be forgotten. Together we turn to God in prayer, at this moment as never before. Our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the bedrock on which we live. Prayer is the first and loving

expression of this relationship. Prayer is an acknowledgment that we are not in ultimate control of our lives or of our world. That is so clear at this moment. Prayer is the recognition that our lives, individually and communally, are marked by failure and sin. Prayer is an expression of our turning to God for that grace which alone can heal us, strengthen us and give us the resolve and generosity to do all that is rightly expected of us today. Please make this a time of prayer, personally, in the family and wherever you happen to be.” *From Cardinal Vincent Nichols’ Pastoral Letter on the Coronavirus.*

Prayer for Evangelisation: Eternal Father, we ask you, through your Son Jesus Christ, and the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Star of the New Evangelization, to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, renew and transform us, and make fruitful the work of evangelisation, especially in our groups for those thinking of becoming Catholics, those preparing for first holy communion and their parents, those having their children baptised and those preparing for Confirmation. Root us deeply in the heart of your Son so that we may radiate him more fully, sharing with others the Good News of salvation in Christ, and drawing them back to your fold. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

The Cardinal has written to communicate to us the Bishops of England and Wales’ decision that as from Saturday March 21, all public Masses and other prayer services are suspended until further notice. There will be no Mass at St. Mary of the Angels, no Stations of the Cross or communal celebration of the Rosary until announced. All

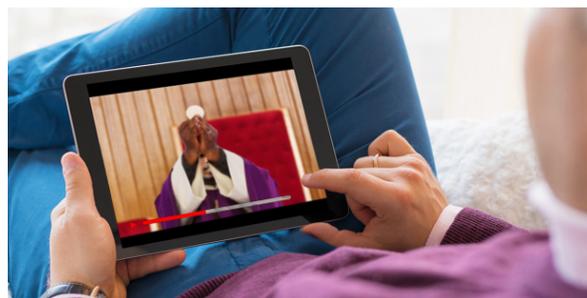
catechetical activities, such as First Holy Communion classes, are suspended and efforts will be made to enable your children to keep up the lessons at home: the catechist concerned will contact you about his.

Our Church will remain open each day from 7am to 7pm. Please do come in and pray. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed as often as possible. Confessions will be available at the normal times (Saturdays 10.30-11am and 5.30-6pm) or on request. Mass will be offered for your intentions each day at variable times, but please do not attempt to attend this Mass or receive Holy Communion. The Cardinal writes: “I want to make it exceptionally clear that the teaching of the Church is that, in these circumstances, the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days no longer applies. Please have no doubt about that.”

The full text of the Cardinal’s letter is available on the Notice Boards at the back of Church and on our parish website, also on the bishops’ conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/> A message from the Cardinal can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/398532027>

WATCHING MASS ONLINE

There are numerous websites where you can watch daily Mass online, for example



<https://dailytvmass.com/>;
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
www.walsingham.org.uk Live streaming takes place from a number of Churches in Westminster diocese through Church Services: e.g., www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood A List is available at the back of Church and on our website.

OFFERING HELP TO THE MOST VULNERABLE



Do you know any vulnerable people who need help at this time with shopping for food or medicines, or who would like to receive a phone call from one of our volunteers to help them get through a period of isolation? Please contact the parish office or Fr. Keith on 020 7229 0487 / 07879 953953 / bayswater@rcdow.org.uk / keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk

If you would like to offer help in any way, please also get in touch with us.

Supplies at our local Foodbank are diminishing quickly and they are having to reduce the amount of food they are providing to families. They will need more donations and the level of donations have gone down in supermarkets due to customers stock piling. Demand will hugely increase over the coming months as more people will need their support. Also, in the near future they will need volunteers who can to do home drops to those who are self-isolating the elderly and Isolated as things will get worse over the following months. For donations, information on how and when to go about them is on our website www.npfoodbank.org.uk. Volunteers can sign up directly with the foodbank - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RI-uApXVynPvupSau4pI_0SMbIjhDe8jRncRbm8xl3Q/edit?usp=sharing or through the Caritas volunteering website. <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/coronavirus.php>

PRAYER IN THE HOME AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have some prayer leaflets available for those confined to their home: please take one from the back of Church for someone who may need it. When we are unable to attend Mass we can, according to a traditional practice, make a 'Spiritual Communion.' A prayer for this is as follows: "My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen".

REDEDICATION TO OUR LADY

At the end of this month on Sunday March 29 all Catholics in England, which for many centuries has been known as Our Lady's Dowry, are invited to make a personal act of rededication of ourselves to Mary. This is the culmination of a National Dowry Tour in which the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will have been taken to every Catholic Cathedral in England. See: www.behold2020.com

Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for the new tax year. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Keith to collect your box. Please let us know if you would like to order a set of envelopes for your weekly donation to the Church. Please also let us know if you no longer use them, and also if you Gift Aid your donation but are no longer paying income tax.

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