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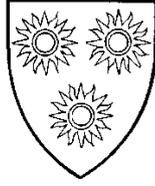
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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER OF 20 MARCH 2020

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 20 March 2020 until further notice.**

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. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

As well as there being no public acts of worship please note that all other scheduled parish meetings and gatherings have been cancelled until further notice. Weekly updates, including the newsletter, the Liturgy sheet for each Sunday, and the children's edition, will be posted on the parish website each week on a Friday evening. The website is at <https://www.saintedmundscalne.org.uk> and will become an essential channel of communication and keeping up to date. All rotas are suspended except the cleaning rota which can now be found on our website. Future Diocesan events are likely to be cancelled. Check the Diocesan website before travelling.

Our Church will open daily between 9 am and 6 pm for individual prayer, reflections, Stations of the Cross, and to light a votive candle. Please remember to use hand sanitiser when entering the church and keep your distance from other parishioners who may be present.

Contact Fr Vincent by phone (not email) on matters requiring the urgent attention of a priest.

Many websites will livestream Masses and have recordings of previous Masses, a list with direct links is available on the parish website.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- All who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Kevin Bewley, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Teresa Hickling, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Fr Richard Northey, Mary O'Brian, Audrey Tickner, Eileen Tyler and Elizabeth Wilkins. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell/housebound.
- All those who are self isolating and consider giving them a phone call.
- All those who are working hard to maintain all our public services and supplies.

May God bless us all.

Fr Vincent Curtis