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22nd March 2020 – 4th Sunday in Lent (Year A)

Last Week: Offertory - £960.36

CAFOD Lent Fast Day £1704.23

Mass Count – 490

This Week: Fourth week in Lent and Week 4 for the Daily Prayer of the Church.

Mother's Day Prayer: *Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

SUSPENDING SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

With immediate effect all Sunday and weekday masses in St Peter's Church are suspended until further notice. This follows a decree issued by Bishop Declan on Thursday in line with the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales. The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation is removed until further notice. During this time St Peter's Church will be open each day for parishioners to have a time for individual prayer, without any organised services. Parishioners may choose one of the following alternatives to attending Sunday/Weekday Mass:

- Taking part may include watching Mass online or on television and so receive Holy Communion spiritually. Check the diocesan website for details of Mass online from our Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul. Churchservices.tv is also a good website to visit. The following prayer for a Spiritual Communion can be said:
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.
- Reflecting of the Sunday Liturgical text, reading the Bible, saying the Rosary, praying the Prayer of the Church (Divine Office). The iBreviary app or universalis.com can be accessed to aid prayer.

Priests will say a private daily mass for the intentions of parishioners at this difficult time.

Baptisms, confirmations will no longer be celebrated until such time when public health advice is that congregations can gather safely.

Confession may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed.

However please be aware that as Fr Liam needs to self isolate due to his chemotherapy therapy he will not be available to hear confessions.

Funeral services should now take place at either the graveside or crematorium. Arrangements for the Mass to be celebrated *in memoriam* can be arranged when congregations are allowed to gather safely.

Pope Francis has composed a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, John Wood, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Linda Northway, Kitty Smith, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

Meetings: All parish meetings, Journey in Faith, SVP, Prayer Groups etc are cancelled until further notice.

St Peter's High School Choral Society Annual Lenten Concert: Due to take place in St Peter's Church on Tuesday 31st March has been cancelled.

Prinknash Abbey: Father Abbot has cancelled the Retreat Day on March 28th because of the coronavirus.

Reconciliation Liturgies: Please note the dates in Holy Rood, Swindon (26th March) and St Gregory, Cheltenham (2nd April) are now unfortunately cancelled.

Christian Meditation Group: Meetings at Our Lady's Churchdown every Friday from 1.00- 2.00pm are now cancelled.

St Peter's Social Centre: Is now closed until further notice.

Websites: The following might be of help during these times: www.cliftondiocese.com. www.vatican.va. www.churchservices.tv. www.mcnmedia.tv. www.cbcew.org.uk. www.josephfrancis.org/livestream.

Year of Communion - Sunday March 22nd - 4th Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to a man born blind. First, he can see physically and then with the eyes of faith. We too, through baptism, have been given the eyes of faith, but we can struggle to see what it is that God is asking of us. Through our sinfulness, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by darkness. Jesus longs to bring us out of this darkness. He wants to open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to the compassionate and merciful love he has for us. Lent gives us this special time and opportunity for facing our darkness and seeking once more the light which heals and forgives. Walking in the light of Christ, we walk in freedom and we walk in hope.

HAPPY 
Mother's
Day