

Following the advice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, there will be no public Masses or services from Friday evening, 20 March 2020, until further notice. However, the Cathedral will be open for private prayer as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am -12 noon

Tuesday and Thursday 2:00pm to 4:00pm

These times are subject to change at short notice.

Private Masses will be celebrated by Canon Benedict. All the Mass Intentions received will be fulfilled as it when due.

Arrangements are being made to live stream Sunday Masses at 9:00am via Facebook or parish website.

Please kindly

For the full details of the Bishop's Decree for Special Arrangements re COVID-19 please see the letter below:

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18 March 2020

Dear Father,

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued the following advice for the Church in the face of the coronavirus pandemic we are currently enduring:

The Public Celebration of Mass should cease from the evening of 20 March 2020. This includes Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as communicated in the letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on these days is removed until further notice owing to the extraordinary circumstances.

Priests may continue to celebrate Mass privately, without a congregation.

A notice should be put on the church door to explain the church is open for private prayer, but there are no public services in accordance with coronavirus guidelines against large groups of people gathering together.

A number of churches are going to 'live stream' the Mass on Sundays. Resources for people to use at home will be available on the Bishops conference website.

Baptisms should be deferred until such time as public health advice that congregations may gather is received.

Individual Confessions may be heard on request as long as the necessary hygiene and distancing requirements are observed.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion celebrations are to be postponed until congregations can gather safely in accordance with coronavirus guidelines.

Confirmation should be postponed until congregations can safely gather for the reasons given above.

Marriages should be deferred if possible. If the most pressing circumstances demand, those present should be the celebrant, bride and groom, immediate family and registrar. No large gathering is permitted.

Care of the Sick. Pastoral visits should not be made to people who are self-isolating until that period is over. Telephone support would be helpful and the prayer of Pope Francis should be shared in these circumstances. Anointing of the sick may be conducted applying the Holy Oil with a cotton bud which should be burned afterwards. The "laying on of hands" should be substituted with "the priest extends his hands".

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