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SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday)
MASS INTENTIONS

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Because private Masses only are permitted for the foreseeable future, I would like you to know that I will be offering Masses in the coming week for the following intentions.

Saturday (21 st)	Paola McCarthy	Sunday	David Gardner
Monday	For all the parishioners	Tuesday	Christine Anne Martin
Wednesday	Tony McDonald (Legion of Mary)	Thursday	Alice, Redmond and Danny Vaughan
Friday	Margaret and Ted Cottam	Saturday	For all the parishioners
Sunday	Lidia Yukhymenko		

Please note there will be no further public Stations of The Cross.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Louis Rowan, Martin Hipworth, John Brien, Margaret Kyle, Barbara Byrnes, Margaret MacQuaker, Keith Townsend, Hannah Barlow, Arthur Stovold, Winnie Coupe, Margaret Raby, Gerard Ashton, Danny McAlea, Vincent Murray, Debbie Whitaker, Anthony Mullen and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

ANNIVERSARIES

Canon Carey, Fr McElroy, Canon Bamber, Fr Howorth, Thomas Flint, Vincent McGill, Veronica Duckworth, Pauline Baines, Francis Fahy, Alice Vaughan, Margaret Bowen, Jack Perkins, Ann Pearson, William Hatch, Ann Stevenson, Michael Marsden, Nona Murray, Margaret Cross, Christine Dale, Graeme Woolley, Ashley Bell and all those whose anniversaries occur between 22nd and 28th March.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Opt Mem
Wednesday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity

LAST WEEK

Attendance 305
Collection £1,054.15 (including standing orders)

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patrick (Tony) McDonald of Pennine View who died on 12th March aged 82. Reception and Funeral Service followed by interment in Torrisholme Cemetery.

Mary Ras of Low Lane who died on 14th March, aged 85. Funeral Service followed by committal at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium.

Courtney Reilly of Halifax who died suddenly on 2nd March, aged 19. Funeral Service followed by interment in Torrisholme Cemetery.

Maureen Grundy of Westgate who died on 14th March, aged 82. Funeral Service at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium.

Teresa Crowther of St Alban's Road who died in Hillcroft Nursing Home on 19th March, aged 88.

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

Graham Tyres

Please take a booklet from the porch, commemorating The Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Happy Mothering Sunday!



THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES

Having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, the CBCEW has agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday evening 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

The following instruction is now given for the celebration of the Sacraments and sacramentals of the Church at this time.

Celebrations of Holy Mass

Priests (parish priest and assistant priests) who hold parochial office should continue to celebrate Mass in a church within their parish without the faithful on a daily basis. Other priests (i.e. retired from office or entrusted with a non-parochial ministry) may celebrate Mass without the faithful in a church, chapel or their private home. Deacons should not participate in these celebrations.

The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church.

Wherever possible, during this period, **churches will remain open**, for individual private prayer, without any organised services, and offering prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms

Baptisms should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession may be offered **on request**.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

These celebrations should be postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

Confirmation

The celebrations of Confirmation should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

Matrimony

If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only

in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

Anointing of the Sick

No pastoral visits should be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, do offer phone support. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil

This will be dependent on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies.

Funerals

There must be great pastoral sensitivity to this issue. The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

A MESSAGE FROM CANON C

“For us all, this is a unique situation and extremely sad that public Masses, for good reasons, cannot be celebrated. It’s worth remembering that in our country, and not least within the boundaries of our own diocese, Masses were celebrated only rarely in times of persecution. Let us invoke the intercession of our own Cumbrian and Lancashire Martyrs. St Mary’s Church and The Good Shepherd Church will be open on a daily basis as usual, please do make regular visits to pray for current needs and that before long we can celebrated Masses together again.

St Patrick’s Church, which is not usually left open, will now be opened on a daily basis between 10am and 3pm.

We are advised not to take Holy Communion to the housebound – only in emergency. I’m sure you’re all anxious about your offertory collection. All I can suggest is that you put this through the letterbox at St Mary’s and I will be standing behind the door, waiting to receive it!!!”

Please note the following groups are suspended until further notice:

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, LEGION OF MARY, LECTIO DIVINA, CHILDREN’S LITURGY, ST MARY’S PLAYGROUP, BINGO, CUPPA & CHAT.

*Don’t forget the clocks go forward an hour at 2am next
Sunday, 29th March*

