



St Saviour's, Abbots Langley & Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, Chipperfield

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A May message from St Saviour's and Our Lady Mother of the Saviour

'The voice of prayer is never silent': so goes the line of the famous hymn. This has certainly been the case over the past few weeks during this unprecedented time of lockdown due to the Covid19 pandemic. St Saviour's, along with churches the world over, has continued to be a place of intense and consistent daily prayer despite its doors being locked. Through the medium of the internet many people have been able to join us for Mass. We have been much encouraged by the number of emails and calls from all over the world, thanking us for the provision of the livestream facility. It should be noted that the quality of our livestream is not first class quality, we simply use our mobile telephones!

Having the doors closed makes the Church unusually still and solemn. There is still much work to do, of course. The lockdown has certainly increased the number of emails being received, and we are hoping that there will be the possibility of opening up soon in a safe way as part of a step by step move from lockdown. In the meantime, Fr Dido and myself are keen and able to respond to calls for help from parishioners.

You will understand that even when the doors are closed, keeping the Church up and running costs a great deal of money. Many people have responded generously to an earlier appeal on this website, and we thank you for that. There have been new standing orders set up, and a good number of one off donations, which are certainly going some way to make up for the severe loss of revenue at this time. If you are able to help us in this way, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Alongside this, we are making sure that we are being careful in what we spend and looking seriously at ways to economize in these straightened times.

Let me end, as I began, with prayer. Your priests are eager to pray for your intentions so please do let us have them. Additionally, Masses may still be booked as usual – and it is best to do so via email or call.

These days of separation powerfully remind us of our dependence on God above all else. Together we pray to Him, for an end to this pandemic – especially for those who are seeking to find a vaccine, and for those in government. We also commend the sick to the Lord, and all those who are caring for them – at home, in care homes and in hospitals. And as we remember all who have died, let us also pray for the bereaved and the lonely.

With the assurance of our prayers, and our sincere thanks for visiting us via this website.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Cathedral when the doors are once again thrown open.

Frs Dido and Richard

Food Collection: In response to the growing needs in the community during this lockdown period, we are asking all the parishioners to donate if they can.

All donations can be dropped to the Fathers house. If you ring the bell and leave your donation at the door it will be collected.

Food parcels/boxes will then be made and distributed; part will be sent to Watford Foodbank.

If you are aware of any family or individuals that you know may be struggling and would benefit from this please make the priests aware.

Thank you very much for your support and we pray for all to stay safe.

God bless!

Gift aid boxes available –
please see Fr Richard or Fr
Deiudonné.

Recently Deceased: James O'Reilly (passed away 14/04/2020; burial North Watford Cemetery 14/05/2020), Noreen Falvey (passed away 17/05/2020, burial in Ireland), Teresa Kelliher (passed away 18/04/2020, cremation West Herts Crematorium 14/05/2020), Jane (Jean) Philips (passed away 19/04/2020, burial North Watford Cemetery 20/05/2020), Peter King (passed away 01/05/2020).

May they rest in peace