

Dear Fathers,

I am sure that by now many of you will have seen the very welcome news that, from 15 June, churches will be allowed to re-open for individual prayer.

The government press release is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/places-of-worship-to-re-open-for-individual-prayer>.

The guidance sent round by Bishop John Sherrington yesterday is a firm basis on which we can make our preparations in the coming week. The Cardinal has asked me to remind you not to be hesitant to work as a Deanery, and with your neighbouring parishes, to establish how best to effect this re-opening in your particular circumstances. This will be such an important first step towards the resumption of public celebration of Mass and the sacraments.

With all very best wishes,

Fr Alexander Master
Private Secretary to Cardinal Vincent Nichols