

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: CURRENT GUIDELINES

Please note the following guidelines from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and from Cardinal Vincent Nicols:

1. Public Sunday and weekday Mass in the parish has been suspended till further notice. In the present difficult circumstance, the obligation to attend especially Sunday Mass does not apply.
2. The parish clergy will continue to celebrate Mass in the church on **weekdays at 9.30 am** and on **Sunday at 9.00 am**, but without the congregation. Parishioners are invited to join in spirit from their homes or wherever they may be, and make an Act of Spiritual Communion;
3. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Saturday from 10.30 am till 12.00 noon, and on Sunday from 9.40 am till 12.00 noon for adoration and private prayers;
4. Mass in some parishes will be streamed live. See the second notice for the times and links of the parishes;
5. The church will remain open every day as usual, for private prayers;
6. All group activities in the parish, including Stations of the Cross and meetings, are suspended till further notice;
7. There will be no Baptisms until the public health advice allows for the gathering of people;
8. First Holy Communion classes are suspended, and this may affect the date of this year's First Holy Communion;
9. The priests are available for Confessions on request only;
10. Pastoral visits to the sick, whether at home, or in a hospital, or in a care centre, are suspended till further notice;
11. Funeral services may be held at the graveside or crematorium, subject to the guidelines that obtain at the cemetery or crematorium;
12. Please offer a generous and prompt response to anyone around you who may be in need, especially the vulnerable, observing the public health advice in that regard;
13. Guidelines about the Easter ceremonies will be forthcoming;
14. Please, collect a copy of the Cardinal's pastoral letter in the porch;
15. The Cardinal has recorded a video message about the latest developments, offering a word of encouragement to the faithful. It can be viewed at this link: <https://vimeo.com/398532027>.