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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

At present we are following diocesan guidelines.
Please call or email Fr Hugh if you need further help.

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Week commencing Sunday, 5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Formal gatherings for Mass are suspended until further notice.
Fr Hugh will continue to offer Mass daily.

At this time when we cannot receive 'sacramental' Communion, we are all united in some way by the Holy Spirit.
The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm.
The following prayer is based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*"My Jesus, I believe You are present in the most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my Heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."*

You will see that Sarah is keeping our weekly newsletter together during these very trying times for many if not all of us. We have a lot of information available 'out there' and I am very impressed that so many are telling me about how they are finding a wide choice of Sunday Mass being celebrated through the various possibilities found on our TV sets. Personally, I tune in to what's happening in Lourdes and it, too, is completely locked-down. Our diocesan pilgrimage this year has been cancelled ... and even Wimbleton has been cancelled as well! Last Tuesday evening many choir members were linked together for a little practice with Christine through their WhatsApp links. Christine guided me on how to tune in to hear them and listen to their *important* discussions in between their singing practices. Thank you, Christine, and choir members for keeping the flame alive.

Sunday is Palm Sunday and Holy Week begins: Holy Week will be very different for us this year as will our **Easter Vigil and Sunday**. Our Palm crosses arrived the other day and these can be stored for next year. I continue to celebrate daily Mass and offer the weekly Mass for Parishioners' Intentions. Last Friday morning I remembered the prayer intention of the day viz. prayer for survivors of sexual abuse in the Church and elsewhere.

The impact of the virus and the consequences will be with us for a very long time. Some people think life will never again return to "normal". We are learning a great deal from its presence in our lives around the world and nobody is exempt from a possible attack from it. We have a duty to be responsible and to follow the guidelines given to us by those who lead our country. Holy Week can be a week of carrying in our prayer all who are suffering from the coronavirus and its consequences. It can also be a time when we might reflect on the words of this prayer: **'Grant we pray, O Lord, that, as we pass from old to new ways, so, with former ways left behind, we may be renewed in holiness of mind. Through Christ our Lord.'**

United with you each day in prayer, Fr Hugh

You might remember this ... Bishop Patrick in his Advent pastoral letter for the *Year of the Word* offered us three points to carry with us throughout the year. First point: Celebrating the Word which we do each time we gather for the Eucharist and other Sacraments but also in our private Scripture reading and reflection. Second point: Sharing the Word: what does this text mean for me ...? For example, 'You are Peter and on this Rock I build my Church'. How would **I** share this text? Third point: Living the Word: in these weeks of forced self-isolation and confinement to our homes, is Living the Word easier or harder? Send a little anonymous message to Sarah – short, having in mind the Bishop's three points for the *Year of the Word*.

Words of St Paul: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:35-39).

The Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham

http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Schedule for live streaming this week:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Mass, 10am

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, 7pm

Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm

The Easter Vigil, Saturday, 7pm

Easter Sunday Mass of the Day, 10am

Other services including Adoration and the rosary are streamed live from Bishop's House Private Chapel during Holy Week.

Diocesan Coronavirus Guidelines: We have received another very comprehensive set of guidelines from our Diocese in which it asks parishes to make full use of established community schemes as the primary mechanism for supporting the vulnerable and isolated. Sarah can provide links to these on request.

However: It is important that people know the **church community is still alive** and Fr Hugh is available over the phone if his help is needed. Sarah can also take messages and we can make sure that anyone who needs assistance, practical or otherwise, gets the help they need from a parish friend.

Your News: Parishioners are staying in touch with one another by the magic of technology and this we know is of great support at this time. Some parishioners are getting help from their local community volunteers and it is wonderful to hear how this crisis has brought strangers together. One parishioner has shown symptoms of the coronavirus but we hear she is now recovering slowly. Hassop has been replaced by more far flung destinations such as Denver and California as some parishioners attend Mass overseas via the internet.

Children and Young People: We missed the great contribution our young people make to the celebration of Mass at our special Mass for families at the end of last month. Cafod have a good website with resources such as prayers and reflections for young people that you may find helpful during this time:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Prayers>

100 Club: Mick is keeping this going for us and will draw the winners on Easter Sunday in the presence of 'on-line' witnesses for transparency.

Sick and Housebound: We remember in our prayers Michael Taylor and Rosaline Varnes and all those in nursing homes and all our sick parishioners. We remember also all the care workers who continue their work through these challenging times.

Anniversaries: We pray this week especially for Geoffrey Barkworth, Peggy Johnson and Maureen (Mary) Davis whose anniversaries occur this week, and all our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. **May their souls rest in peace.**