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Week commencing Sunday, 22nd March 2020 Formal gatherings for Mass are suspended until further notice. Fr Hugh will continue to offer Mass daily.

"The season of Lent is a time of grace given to us by God, in order to live in a more deliberate and conscious manner. It is a time during which we should look forward to the celebrations of Holy Week, that is, to the joy of Easter, the foundation of all our hope. Christ came to all of us, for all are in need. But by singling out the poor and the oppressed, he was laying particular stress on what today we call the 'marginalised'; those who, for one reason or another, have been pushed to the margins of our society; the economically poor, the homeless, those mistakenly considered to have little or nothing to contribute to society."
Cardinal George Basil Hume. (Taken from Lent Reflections in The Cardinal Hume Centre publication)

As we know already, the coronavirus is hitting us hard. On Thursday I contacted many of you by email and forwarded Bishop Patrick's guidelines for Nottingham Diocese for the next few weeks. It is very likely that these guidelines will continue for a longer period than mentioned by the Bishop. Many, many planned gatherings and celebrations have had to postponed or even cancelled. For us as a parish community, the best way to keep in touch is by our weekly newsletter and Sarah with the help of "young" John Hague is putting things together so that you can follow the readings of the Sunday Mass plus any updates about parish life that may be available as each week unfolds.

In the information forwarded to you, links were given so that you could follow Sunday and daily Mass with Bishop Patrick. You can also follow what Pope Francis is doing and follow Mass streamed from Nottingham Cathedral as we live through these uncertain and challenging times. YouTube, EWTN and several other TV networks provide us with some of the Mass celebrations and prayer opportunities if we just factor that little "prayer time" into our daily comings & goings.

As regards ourselves and our own parish community, I hope to be in residence whilst following to some extent the advice to "self-isolate". The Bishop asks us to have our churches open and it is my plan to have Hassop church open every morning Sunday through to Saturday at 10.00am. On Saturday evenings the church will be open at 5.30pm. In his advice to priests, Bishop Patrick suggests that we continue to offer Mass each day (though this is not an obligation) and I hope to be able to do this whilst I can. If you have personally requested to have Mass offered for a family intention, I will endeavour to inform you of the date when Mass will be offered for your intention. However, these intentions will **not** feature in the parish newsletter. If you would like to get in touch with me at any time, please feel free to do so. Many of you have already offered to help me about food arrangements and I am very grateful for this. I've got you on a list!!! Also, many of you have offered to help other vulnerable parishioners: again, many thanks for this and I think it would be a good idea to keep in touch with parishioners in this group so that they don't feel too isolated. If you have any ideas for the newsletter and any information to share with the larger group, please get in touch with Sarah because we will try to keep in touch with you.

We pray for each other and our families in these difficult times. I shall also continue to offer the weekly Mass for the parishioners and will remember you all there.

Yours in Christ, Fr Hugh

Choir: We thank the choir for their commitment to our parish and the contribution they make to our liturgies. We look forward to the end of the crisis so we can all sing out loud in thanks!

All Saints website: The weekly newsletter will be posted on our website: Click the tab labelled 'news'. We will post this up every week as usual and use it as a source of communication to our parishioners. If you would like to see each Sunday's readings, these are posted under the 'Events' tab on the left side of the home page. We will also endeavour to email the newsletter out to all parishioners for whom we have an address.

Masses Via the Internet: Bishop Patrick has created a Youtube channel so we can view live streaming of Masses and other devotions from Bishop's House. To access this, open Youtube and search for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney'. Several listings will appear: pick his channel, this has his face appearing in a circle and the word 'subscribe' against it. **Sunday Mass will be streamed at 10am this coming Sunday, 22nd March** and each Sunday during this period. Other devotions will be advertised on the Bishop's social media channels. The Bishop invites us to join him this Friday evening, March 20th at 7pm for a half hour period of Adoration, praying for all who are suffering or affected by this virus.

St Barnabas Cathedral is planning to live-stream Mass. To access this live-stream follow this link: http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html. From here, you will be able to look at the schedule of broadcasts and recorded services as well as viewing the live-stream. Mass is due to be live-streamed at 10am this Sunday.

For those self-isolating we are reaching out to make sure that our vulnerable parishioners can get the help they may need. If you know of a parishioner who does not have access to email or the internet, please let Sarah know so we can make sure we maintain communications with them and reduce any sense of isolation.

Job Vacancy: The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service (NRCDES) have asked that we place the following advert in our newsletter: The governors of Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School, Leicester LE4 8GP are seeking to appoint a new head teacher. Further details are available on their website. www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education/recruitment/primary-school-vacancies. Visits to the school can be arranged by calling Sarah Kennedy at the school office on 0116 269 5510. Closing Date: 2 April 2020.

Sick and Housebound: We remember in our prayers Michael Taylor who is gravely ill, and Rosaline Varnes and all those in nursing homes and all our sick parishioners.

Anniversaries: We pray this week especially for Joseph Wilson whose anniversary occurs this week, and all our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. **May their souls rest in peace.**

**Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes: £112 Loose Plate Bakewell: £ 34.50 Hassop: £ 35 Total: £181.50
CAFOD Fast Day £398.42 'Red Boxes' £253.00**

Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both churches for use by parishioners and visitors. Please use!