



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Coronavirus Update

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, has agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday evening 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

Therefore, public Masses **will not be said** in the church. Fr Paul will be celebrating Masses privately, in a closed church, for any intentions he receives, including those that have already been requested. Unfortunately, you will not be able to be physically present in the church for any Mass, but Fr Paul invites you to join him in Spiritual Communion by using the prayers available in the porch.

The church will be opened for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the following days:-

Sunday 9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 9.15am – 10.15am

Confessions will also be available at these times or other times on request.

Social distancing in church: Please come in during these hours to light a candle, to pray in the church and to be in the presence of Our Lord Jesus who dwells among us.

When you are in the church during opening hours, please observe the government's guidelines on personal hygiene, hand-washing, and social distancing: you must be at least 6 feet (2 metres) apart from the next person, and regrettably there can be no communal or group prayers in the church.

Please make use of the hand sanitiser on entrance and exit of the church and keep the recommended distance between you and the next person!

Lent Stations of the Cross – are cancelled with immediate effect.

Sacramental Programs – Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Weddings are suspended.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered in emergency situations on request. We will be unable to continue to bring Holy Communion to the housebound except in emergencies. If someone you know becomes seriously ill, please still call Fr Paul.

Weekly newsletter will be available with up to date information on a Thursday. Please download it from the parish website or a few paper copies will be available for collection from the church porch but these **must be taken away with you.**

Mass Offerings – these can be placed in an envelope and posted through the Presbytery door or handed into the parish office.

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm. Telephone enquiries should be made during those times.

The Parish Hall is not available for use until further notice.

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!

PARENTS: Please go to the Diocesan news page, where they have published an article with recommendations for parents with school-aged children to enable them to continue to worship in the home, and continue to mark the season of Lent / Easter period with their families without gathering publicly for mass. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/>

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Michael Quinlan who died on Thursday 12th March, his funeral details will follow shortly. May he rest in peace.

EVENING PRAYER has been suspended until further notice.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: REFLECTION FOR LENT 'For obvious reasons, the Taize evening on Sun 22nd has been cancelled.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday 15th March 2020: Envelopes: £245.66, Loose Plate: £427.99, Bankers Order: £291.52 Total £965.17. Thank you for your generosity.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FR PAUL WILL BE CELEBRATING PRIVATELY

Saturday 21st March 2020

Sallie Greene RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 22nd March 2020

People of the Parish

Monday 23rd March 2020

Franciszek Guzik RIP (R.T. Guzik)

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Charlie Smyth RIP (Peter & Eileen)

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

Thursday 26th March 2020

John Sullivan's Intentions (A. Pleasant)

Friday 27th March 2020

Mavis Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

Saturday 28th March 2020

People of the Parish

Anniversaries - We pray for Michael Sullivan, Vincent Cooper, Irene Mead, Margaret Martin, Mrs R Hayter, John Anthony Maher, Donald Richard Cook, Sarah Engeldon, Paddy O'Grady, Breda Treacy, Catherine Helena Taheny, Patrick Henry Coleman, May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.