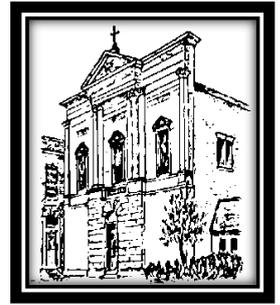




Catholic Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace And St George



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CLERGY AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9am until 3.30pm;

Closed Wednesday to personal and telephone callers

Fourth Sunday in Lent

22nd March 2020

Psalter week 4

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Sick and Housebound of the two parishes. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. *Our Lady, Health of the sick, Pray for them all.* †

THE RECENTLY BAPTISED *Welcome to the family of the Church* †

THE RECENTLY DECEASED incl: Patricia Woodward, John Wheatley, Carmel Croke, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright, Reno Senatore, Fr James McGloin.

May they rest in peace †

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES Antonio Palmeri, Flora Hopkinson, Kevin O'Sullivan, Catherine McPherson, Patrick Woollam and Giovina Liguori. *May they rest in peace* †

CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES. Archbishop Francis Joseph Grimshaw, Fifth Archbishop of Birmingham, Deacon Louis Joseph Livesey, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Titular Bishop of Soli, Auxiliary Bishop, Rev John Joseph Donnelly, Rev John McManus, Mgr Henry Francis Davis and Mgr Canon John Joseph Welch.

May they rest in peace †

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March - Catholics in China - We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Parishioners - we are here to help if you need us.

For those of you who are in self-isolation or in one of the vulnerable groups, we have volunteers who are willing to help you with shopping or other essential tasks outside the home.

Please get in touch with the Parish Office – details on the front page.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Preparation

These celebrations have been postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

Guidance for Parishioners needing advice on the Sacraments is available on the Diocesan website

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/New/Default.aspx>

and from the Parish Office.

Foodbank

Please remember those who, under normal circumstances, struggle to support themselves and their families in these extra-ordinary times.

We are still accepting donations for the Foodbank.

At the moment, they do not need tins of tomatoes or beans, nor pasta or rice.

They are in special need of

Tinned Meat
Size 4 Nappies
Washing up liquid
Toilet Rolls
Peanut Butter
Sugar
Mashed Potato
Sandwich Paste
UHT Milk
Cooking sauces
Coffee small
Decaf coffee LARGE

Gift Aid Envelopes

I am about to prepare the Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year. Can you please let me know if anyone who normally contributes using envelopes would prefer to make their offering by Standing Order and we will make arrangements.

Any parishioner who would like start using envelopes, please let me know as soon as possible. *Thanks*

Self-Isolation

If there is a chance that a person has Coronavirus healthcare professionals may advise self-isolation. Government advice should be followed.

Those who are self-isolated may wish to spend some of the time in prayer. Use might be made of websites such as [Pray as you go](#), [Click to Pray](#) or [Universalis](#) to follow the readings at Mass each day or to join in the Prayer of the Church.

We will find ways of supporting you through prayer, communication (phone or social media) and practical support (food etc).

Other ideas for prayer include the [Angelus](#) or praying the [Novena of Our Lady of Lourdes](#)

Spiritual Communion

These are times when people are not able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Even though you may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm.

A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney once said "when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us instantly make a Spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God."

Below is a prayer composed to help us live in communion with one another during this time of social distancing. I invite you to pray this prayer when you feel the need to be in deeper communion with God and others, and to be of service to those who are most in need.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Please read the letter from + Cardinal Nichols and + Archbishop McMahon below.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

A letter from the President and Vice-President on behalf of all the Bishops of the Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice.

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

You will find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take in the accompanying document and on the Bishops' Conference website (www.cbcew.org.uk). Your own bishop and parish priest will provide further support, encouragement and information about our way of prayer together in the coming weeks.

The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you.

*'The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.'*

May God bless us all.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols
President
18th March 2020

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
Vice-President

Liturgical Information

O God, come to our aid; O Lord, make haste to help me.

A private Mass will be offered on daily at 9am each day below by one of the Priests of the Parish for your intentions as requested.

The church will be opened **AFTER** Mass at 9.30am every day and will be closed at 7.00pm

Saturday 21st March <i>Lent Feria</i>		
Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00am	Mass – Bridie Barber - RIP
Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00am	Mass - Pro Populo/ Belinda McEvoy - RIP
Monday 23rd March <i>Commemoration of St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop</i>	9.00am	Mass - Carmine Amelia Devitto
Tuesday 24th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass - Rita Chafer - RIP
Wednesday 25th March SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.00am	Mass - Ella Dinley - RIP
Thursday 26th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass – Frank MacCauley RIP
Friday 27th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass - Special Intentions
Saturday 28th March <i>Lent Feria</i>		
	9.00am	Mass - Stuart Denlegh-Maxwell
Sunday 29th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00am	Mass - Helen Hayes RIP

COLLECTIONS

Please continue to support your Parish financially during the current pandemic. Loose change can be placed in the collecting box on the wall or in the standing box. Weekly envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office or posted here.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE		ST GEORGE	
	15/03/2020 1st Collection		15/3/2020 1st Collection
Gift Aid		Gift Aid (Env)	225.00
Loose Plate	tba	Loose Plate	376.73
Standing Orders		Standing Orders	918.00
Total £		Total £	1519.73

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