



The Catholic Parishes of

Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield

and

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road,
Old Fallings, Wolverhampton



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A personal Message from Fr. Goodman

These are disturbing and frightening times for us all. It is at times like these when our faith is all the more important to us. Yet, in the interests of our public safety, we must temporarily make changes: at the very heart of the practice of our faith is the celebration of Holy Mass. Please be assured that priests will be continuing to offer Holy Mass every day for the People of God.

However, due to the restrictions that are inevitable in this health crisis, Holy Mass will be celebrated in locked churches; the public may not attend in person, and, in the strict sense, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is lifted temporarily. Of course, that does not mean that we should abandon the practice of our faith and the life of prayer. And therefore, in this parish (as in many others) the faithful are asked to participate in Holy Mass by video link. To access this video link, either go to the Parish Website (www.ourladyofperpetualsuccour.com) and click on the link to the livestream of the Daily Mass, or go to YouTube and put "Our Ladys Wolverhampton" in the search bar. The churches will be open at other times for private prayer.

Holy Mass will be celebrated daily at 9.30 a.m.

There are many online resources where you can follow the Holy Mass and the readings for the day if you do not possess a Missal of your own or a copy of *Magnificat* magazine, or *My Day by Day*, perhaps www.universalis.com is among the best.

When it comes to the time of Holy Communion, we should unite ourselves with Our Lord by making an **Act of Spiritual Communion**. Here is form you can use:

My Jesus, I believe that 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.

Where possible, as families, I urge you to unite in prayer together, maybe praying the Rosary. It is through our faith that we will be strengthened for these difficult weeks ahead, and I pray that we will emerge from this time of trial with greater ties of love for Our Blessed Lord and His Holy Mother, for the Catholic Church, and for each other. May God bless you, your families and friends.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

22nd March, 2020

The Daily Mass and Intentions

Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	
9.30 a.m.	Mary Tunley
Tuesday	
9.30 a.m.	Celine Cassidy
Wednesday	<i>Solemnity of the Annuciation of the Lord</i>
9.30 a.m.	Mary Tighe
Thursday	
9.30 a.m.	Dennis and Mary Tunley
Friday	
9.30 a.m.	James McCarthy
6.30 p.m. (E.F.)	Karen Leighton
Saturday	
9.30 a.m.	Sister Liam Cummins
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Other Devotions by videolink

Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday, 5.30 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross Friday (time to be advertised)

Church opening times for Private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.:

Corpus Christi: daily, 11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Our Lady's: daily 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

When coming to pray in church, please ensure that a suitable distance of more than 2 metres is observed between persons. You may ask the Parish Priest to hear your confession, observing the "safe distancing" protocols.

Grateful Acknowledgement

Our thanks to Ciaran Barker and Aiden Bartlett for the time spent setting up the livestream videolink, and thereby enabling members of the Parish to continue the life of prayer and worship during these times.

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Diocesan Seminary, St. Mary's College, Oscott

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Seminary has had to close for the time being until it is safe to reopen. The seminarians are staying with Parish Priests: the Rev. Sean Gough (Birmingham Archdiocese) and Steven Roberts (Shrewsbury Diocese) will be staying at the Presbytery. This means that we will have a small community of prayer at the heart of the parish.

Funeral Arrangements

It is with great regret that funerals cannot be held in churches: the Archbishop has stated that funeral services must be held at the graveside or in the crematorium chapel. Masses may be offered for our loved ones, and we can be united with these Masses via the videolink. On the day of the funeral, it is appropriate that the Mass in church be offered for the person whose funeral will be celebrated that day.

Mary and Dennis Tunley RIP

Funeral Thursday, 26th March

William Pugh RIP

Funeral Monday 30th March

Bernard Cryan RIP

Funeral Friday 3rd April

Kath Kisbee RIP

To be arranged.

Trevor Cook RIP

To be arranged

Some practical matters

Intentions for Holy Mass

Intentions for Holy Mass are encouraged and accepted. Envelopes for Mass intentions are available at the back of church, and these may be handed to the Parish Priest or placed through the letterbox, and these intentions offered through the week in the usual manner, and people can participate in these Masses via the video link accessible through the website or youtube (see opposite).

Lent Course:

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Inevitably, this has to be suspended. Hopefully, we can complete this excellent course later in the year.

Recollections for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

these are postponed until later in the year.

Catechesis for the Sacraments of Initiation

This is necessarily suspended until the health crisis is concluded; inevitably, this means that the dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be rescheduled for a later date.

Choir Practices, Folk Group Practices

All suspended until the normal timetable can be resumed.

Please pray for the Sick

Please pray for Robert Holland, Frances Paton, Margaret Clapp, Joanne Harbour, Valerie Dunne, Betty Dalton, Julia Siha, Violet Langston, Irene Lockett, and Margaret Belcher. Names may be added to this list only with the specific permission of the infirm person for whom prayers are requested.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week

Sheila Collins, Lawrence Jones, Raymond Patrick Phillips, George Jackson, Leslie Hughes, Niclous Stasiw, Peter Jones, John McCarthy, Paul Blower, Evelyn Chadwick, Andrew Curran, Michael Lynch, Gwendoline Robinson, Ellen McCrystall, Maureen Malpass, Bridget Donnellan, Mabel McShane, Janet Kelly, Dean Ward, Julia Pike, Hannah Considine, Maria Tighe, Nellie Payne, Isobel Churm, Joan Kranic, Mary Doley, Dorothy Matthews.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady during the 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 the Roman 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.

Tote (Our Lady's) 15/03/2020: the winning numbers 1, 10, 11, 23. One winner receives the £50 for three correct numbers: **Julie Hall**; there was no jackpot winner. *Please note: the Tote is suspended until normal Sunday Masses resume*

Offertory Collections, 15th March, 2020

Corpus Christi:

First Collection:	(Gift Aid)	£ 25.00
	(Gift Aid – S.O.)	£ 27.00
	(non-Gift Aid)	£ 96.87

Our Lady's:

First Collection	(Gift Aid)	£ 42.00
	(Non-Gift Aid)	£104.36
	(Gift Aid – S.O.)	£ 64.00
	(non-Gift Aid – S.O.)	£ 21.46
Second Collection	(Gift Aid)	£ 19.00
	(Non-Gift Aid)	£128.03
Family Fast CAFOD offerings		£ 65.66

Financial/Material Concerns

Some Parishioners have mentioned the question of **Offertory Collections** at the present time: despite the temporary suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation and the public celebration of Holy Mass, the parish must still continue to function, bills still need to be paid, the buildings still need maintenance. We depend entirely on donations. Please continue to fill in your **weekly Offertory envelopes** and bringing them to the church (or placing them through the presbytery letterbox) from time to time at your convenience. Alternatively, you could maintain your offerings by **Standing Order** – forms may be collected from the back of church, then you can fill in your details, put the form through the presbytery letterbox, and the Parish can “do the rest”. (Please remember, you do not need to be a tax payer to make your offerings by Standing Order.)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Our Lady's: Margaret Greene

Corpus Christi: Mary Boxold

Corpus Christi Parish Centre and Club

Mr. Patrick Cleary ☎731707

Hospital Chaplaincy:

☎ rw-h-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net ☎ 695098 (emergency ☎ 307999)

We are approaching the end of this financial year. Therefore, soon we will be issuing new offertory envelopes. This is a good opportunity to consider making your offerings to the church by **Standing Order**. *You do not need to be a taxpayer to give by standing order.* However, giving by Standing order saves you the hassle of finding cash for the offertory collection, and is safer for you, for church security, and for those who take monies to the bank each week. This is also a time to review what you give to the Church in the light of inflation and rising costs – more on this next week, as we face both building work here and all parishes are facing significant increases in Diocesan levies..

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up to our Gift Aid Scheme: for every £1 you give, we can claim an extra 25p. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church, and completed forms should be handed in to Fr. Goodman or Josie Turner or Keith Wood. (If you have changed address, please also register your new address).

If you are going into hospital or know someone who has gone into hospital....

It is appropriate to receive the Sacraments when in hospital:



- There is a **chaplains team** responsible for the pastoral and sacramental care of Catholics (Similarly ministers of other religions to provide appropriate spiritual care for members of those religions).
- However, the chaplains team are **not** automatically informed of those who would like to receive such spiritual care.
- If you wish to receive Sacramental and spiritual care when in hospital, or if you have a relative who has been taken into hospital and would like to receive Sacramental and spiritual care, then it is your responsibility to communicate this information to the hospital chaplaincy (please give the name of the patient, and the ward number/name).
- You can **contact the chaplaincy** either by phone or e-mail, using the Chaplaincy contact details which are always on this newsletter.
- If you do not contact the chaplaincy with this information, then the Chaplaincy will not know of your/your relative's stay in hospital, and it will not be their fault that they have not visited you/your relative.
- It is illegal (due to Data Protection legislation) for the Chaplaincy to pass on information concerning hospital patients to Parish Priests.