

St. Dominic's Community Team Ministry for South West Leicestershire



Incorporating St. Peter's Parish, Hinckley, St. Peter & Paul's Parish, Earl Shilton and Our Lady and St. Gregory's Parish, Market Bosworth. Priests: Fr. Frank Daly, Fr. Brian Dazeley, Fr. Isaac Boakye; In retirement: Fr. Terry Fellows, Fr. Geoffrey Hurst. Deacon: Rev. Robin Pollard, Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Hare,
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News and events for St. Peter & Paul's Parish, Earl Shilton and Our Lady & St. Gregory's Parish, Market Bosworth

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Hope Louise Simpson, Valerie Dawkins, Thomas Borley, Bernard Brennan, Peter Lester, Kate Bee, George Arm, Mary Witherspoon, Joseph Benjamin, Doris Duncombe.

Masses – Last Wednesday the Catholic Church in England and Wales suspended public Masses and other liturgies from Friday 20 March to delay the spread of the coronavirus. We hope this virus can soon be contained and that all those who have contracted it will recover. Therefore all parish activities and gatherings have been cancelled until further notice.

The Devotation of the Coronavirus – it will only be today when we come for Sunday Mass as usual that the full impact of the virus will dawn on us. There now can be no public gatherings of any sort for the foreseeable future and this will cause huge problems. There is a detailed letter accompanying this newsletter for you to collect and take home. The church will be open each day for a little while, including Sundays, so please come in for a prayer. You may contact the priests at the Priory and we would urge you to do so, especially if there is an emergency. No one knows precisely what to do at the moment so we are all somewhat in the dark. The main source of information will be our parish website for those who can access it. Michelle Mayer has kindly agreed to keep this up to date and we are very grateful to her. So please look at www.stdominicsteamministryleic.com as often as you can. The contents of this newsletter and the Sunday readings will also be on the website. Otherwise there will be a few copies left in the church porch each Saturday and Sunday for you to collect and keep in touch. If you are elderly and fear you may not be able to go out, some people have offered to visit you and support you where possible. Please contact us if you would like this or if you are willing to help. Each week we will publish any family news or requests for prayer which normally would be on our prayer boards, so please send them in to the Priory by phone or email – hinckleypriory@gmail.com. The most important thing is that we find the way to keep together and pray for each other. It may well be that this time of seclusion and reflection helps us to re-assess our lives with the Lord and each other – let's hope so.

The Funeral of Mr. Paul Kamm – at the request of Paul's family, there will now be no celebration of his funeral in church but a simple cremation at Nuneaton on Wednesday at 2.00pm. We hope to have a memorial for him after the present crisis.

A National Call to prayer has been announced for today, Sunday 22nd of March, by the presidents of Churches together in England. They have written: "At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. Therefore, at 7.00pm (GMT) this Sunday light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer"

Keeping the church open we would like to keep our churches open for some part of each day but need some volunteers to open and close them and maybe even be around in case anyone needs anything. Please do not contact Fr. Terry for anything non-essential as we are trying to protect him. Contact Fr. Frank or one of the pastoral team.

Keys we have lost the church keys from the key safe in Earl Shilton a week or two ago and you will realise how important it is to retrieve them. If anyone knows their whereabouts or has possibly taken them home by mistake, please let us know.

The care of Fr. Terry You will see from the accompanying letter our concerns for Fr. Terry and how this can be managed. Those of you who have offered to bring him food this week, please continue to do so, but after that we will have to find a way to do things differently. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.
(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You. AMEN
Amen.

Mothering Sunday – today will probably be the most unusual Mother’s Day ever. We hope and pray that you will be able to have some form of celebration with your families, and you will certainly be remembered in our prayers.

Coronatips – do you have any ideas about how to cope in the coming weeks? All suggestions will be appreciated, so here’s a couple to start with:

Phone a friend – keep in touch with each other by phone. Sending an email is not enough! We need to hear each other’s voices. Some people can ‘skype’ each other, which is even better, but a regular conversation, maybe at the same time each day or week would certainly help, especially if the other person is in any way vulnerable, or has self-isolated.

Get together in the garden – at the moment, while we cannot gather in large numbers we can still get together, especially if it is outside and we maintain the respectful distance from each other. Why not ask a friend or two around for an ‘alfresco coffee’ outside? The Italians sing to each other from their balconies across the street – that may not be too advisable here!

First Communion and Confirmation preparation – while these groups cannot meet, we do want to neglect you, so the work prepared will be sent to you by email. Please ensure that we have your email addresses in order for us to do so. Many thanks.