

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great regret that the Bishops of England and Wales have decided to suspend public liturgical celebrations in Catholic churches until further notice.

Fr Daniel and Fr Rick will continue to celebrate Mass every day but without a congregation. They will film their Masses and upload them to You Tube. In order to access them you will need to create a You Tube account and subscribe to 'Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Parish'. Please help older relatives, friends and neighbours to do this!

Fr Daniel and Fr Rick will also record regular messages and prayers on this channel.

During this period of 'shutdown' St Therese and St Basil's will be closed to the public completely. Holy Trinity will be open from 9am until 6pm for private prayer – if you come to Holy Trinity please remember to exercise social distancing by being no closer than 2 metres from another person. It will not be possible to light candles for Health and Safety reasons.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will only be available at Holy Trinity and only from behind the grille in the Reconciliation Room. Confessions will be Friday mornings 9am-10am, Saturday mornings 9am-10am and Saturday evenings 4pm-5pm or by appointment. To make an appointment please call Fr Daniel or Fr Rick on 01268 281732.

All other Sacramental celebrations such as Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony will be postponed until further notice.

Fr Daniel and Fr Rick will be able to confer the Sacrament of Anointing as long as the person is not conducting an isolation period. If a person has had to put themselves into a 14-day isolation period because of a cough or fever please wait until that isolation period is over before calling a priest.

Further advice will be given nearer the time regarding the Holy Week and Sacred Triduum liturgies.

No funerals are to be celebrated in a church but can be conducted at the graveside or crematorium chapel.

If anyone is lonely or struggling with their isolation please call Fr Daniel or Fr Rick on 01268 281732 or 07497305218 or Sr Anne on 07753433663 for a chat.

We will continue to publish a weekly newsletter on the website updating you with the latest news and advice.

We are currently looking in to setting up a WhatsApp group to keep the parish community connected. We will let you know more in the newsletter.