

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY & UNDIVIDED TRINITY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES & IMMINGHAM

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## SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### All public celebrations of Mass and other liturgies have been suspended until further notice

- Since Mass is not being celebrated in public, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & holydays of obligation is suspended until such a time as Mass can be celebrated with the participation of all the faithful.
- Fr Andrew will offer Mass for the people of our parish (*Missa pro populo*) on every Sunday & solemnity.
- St Mary on the Sea Church will be open each day except Mondays between 9.00 am & 3.00 pm for you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, observe the Stations of the Cross, light candles etc. Corpus Christi Church will be open on Sundays between 10.00 am & noon. Please maintain a distance of two metres (six feet) from other worshippers and observe stringently all Government guidance concerning our health.
- Please pray each day, read the Sunday readings and, if possible, watch Mass online:
  - Our Holy Father Pope Francis is livestreaming Mass each morning, in Italian, at 8.00 am GMT/BST.
  - Bishop Patrick will livestream Mass each Sunday at 10.00 am – look up 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube, Twitter or Facebook.
  - Mass is being livestreamed from St Barnabas' Cathedral – look up [www.stbarnabscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stbarnabscathedral.org.uk)
  - Mass and other devotions are being livestreamed each day from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – look up [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/)
- A homily, prayer of the faithful, act of spiritual communion and other devotional resources will be sent out each week.
- Anyone who is sick and wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick & the Blessed Eucharist should contact St Mary's Presbytery and Fr Andrew will endeavour to visit them.
- During this period of national emergency, we must do our best to care for ourselves and for one another. It is imperative that we follow guidance issued by Her Majesty's Government, Public Health England or the NHS concerning self-isolation, social-distancing and hygiene:
  - All who have been told to self-isolate have a duty towards themselves and the common good to do so.
  - All those who have a high temperature (37.8°C or above) or a new continuous cough should stay at home and self-isolate for seven days – this is of vital importance in managing the impact of this virus.
  - Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze – then bin the tissue and wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least twenty seconds, or use a hand sanitiser, especially after using public transport.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell and avoid all unnecessary social contact whatsoever.
- Ministers of Holy Communion cannot visit the sick & housebound at the moment but will contact those whom they normal visit by telephone each week. Anyone else who would like a regular telephone call should contact the parish office (01472 342301) or complete a form in each church.
- Please contact the parish office ([office@holyltrinitygci.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitygci.uk)) to be added to the email distribution list so that you will receive the bulletin each week and other information and resources.
- The parish office will remain open, until further notice, from Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm.

#### Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Richard Mellows (01472 752017), Sarah Pollard (01472 357982) & Shelagh Winter (01472 593780)

#### Collections Last Week

£1053.31 Thank you for your support of the Church's mission.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:** That the Church in China may persevere in her faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Cycle of Prayer – Lent:** We pray for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents & wanderers. We also pray for Fr Colum, Fr Tony, the sick & housebound of our parish, the mission of St Mary's & St Joseph's schools, all those who are working to protect us, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**The Faithful Departed:** Please pray for: Catherine Cass, whose Committal will take place in Grimsby Crematorium on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15 am; and Joseph McGovern,

whose Committal will take place in Cleethorpes Cemetery on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.15 am; and their families and friends who mourn their loss. Their Funeral Masses will be celebrated in due course.

**Stella Maris:** With Easter getting close, when you do your weekly shop, please buy an Easter egg for a seafarer, or else make a donation and Sue White will shop for you. They can be dropped off in St Mary's Presbytery. The last day for collection is Palm Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020; for further information, and to arrange collection of Easter eggs, please contact Sue (01472 504564). Thank you!

**Happy Mothering Sunday to all mothers!**

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

It has become increasingly inevitable over recent weeks that we would have to suspend our celebrations of Mass and other liturgies. That moment has now arrived. This is not a step that the Bishops of England & Wales have taken lightly, since the Eucharistic Celebration is at the very heart of our faith, when we gather as our parish family, so that we, the Body of Christ, can exercise our Prophetic Mission by listening faithfully to Sacred Scripture, so that we can exercise our Priestly Mission by offering ourselves in the bread & wine so that we, receiving them transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Christ, may be transformed ourselves, to exercise our Kingly Mission when we are sent out in peace to love and serve the Lord.

This is a national emergency, the biggest challenge to our lives as citizens since the Second World War, and it is up to us all to rise to the challenge. It will be tough, but we know what change means to us, how hard it is but how we can cope, as individuals and as a family; we have risen to the challenge before and we will do so again – the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection teaches us that God is with us in every aspect of our lives, in every moment of challenge and change. That is why we are being asked to change our normal routines and regular patterns of life, by not going out as much and avoiding social contact – it is, as Her Majesty The Queen put it this week, 'for the greater good of the communities we live in and to protect the most vulnerable,' and I, as your parish priest, am extremely conscious that many of you who will be reading this bulletin are among those groups who will be asked to change their daily routines in a particularly stringent way.

**I cannot emphasise enough that we must maintain rigorously and scrupulously any guidance issued by the Government, Public Health England or the NHS regarding how we can care for ourselves and each other. We all have a part to play, and as citizens we have a duty to play our part in protecting ourselves and all our sisters and brothers.**

I am well aware how upsetting it will be for us all not to be able to celebrate Mass together on Sundays and in the week. These are difficult times for us all. I realise there is a sacrificial offering in this; but as we fast from Mass and the Blessed Eucharist, we can be mindful that this is the norm for many of the seafarers whom we welcome to our parish each week who may be far from shore for months, for many in large far-flung parishes throughout the world where Mass may only be celebrated once or twice a year, or for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. In our parish, Mass is normally celebrated nine times each week, and I always ensure that there are Celebrations of the Word & Holy Communion when I am away. It will be very odd for me this Sunday, celebrating Mass on my own and not with you – although I will, in communion with the whole Church, have the Angels & Saints in Heaven for company, as will we all; most people gather to celebrate one Mass, I celebrate four each weekend. I am not looking forward to it, but we will continue to be one family, united in love, and I will offer Mass for you and for all the people of our wonderful parish each Sunday – please join with me in prayer!

During this holy season of Lent, much is being asked of us; but in this time of trial we are called to a deeper and more profound trust in God, expressed in prayer, in each other, expressed in almsgiving, and in ourselves, expressed in fasting. I hope this makes us pray and think about who and what matters, while remembering that Good Friday is always followed by Easter Sunday, even if many of us will be having an enforced rest in the meantime – but Holy Saturday sanctifies rest and reminds us of its importance. Celebrating Mass on this Solemnity of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, I was reminded that St Joseph was not afraid to do what the Angel asked him and take Mary home to be his wife; occasionally we are asked to do things we would rather not do and not do things we rather would, but by his prayers I hope that, like him, we will care for one another, as generously and kindly as he took care of Mary and Jesus, even at great personal cost, and even if it means we must do so from something of a distance for now. It is for the common good of all of us. Let us pray for one another, and pray for all those responsible for our health and wellbeing. The Paschal Candle reminds us that Christ is Risen, and that in him, we will rise again. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

With my love & prayers for you, your families and all those who live in our wonderful parish,

Fr Andrew

