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SUNDAY

22nd MARCH 2020 ST.MARY,

OSBALDESTON FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Guidelines issued by the Bishop's Conference.

Celebration of Holy Mass All Sunday and weekday Masses, Eucharistic Services will cease on Friday 20th March. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is removed until further notice.

Priests will continue to offer Mass daily but in private. This ensures that people can join in Spiritual Communion with the priest. Mass can be viewed on line at churchservices.tv

Our church will remain open each day for individual private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregation can gather safely.

Reconciliation Confession can be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed.

First Holy Communion scheduled for May are postponed until the autumn when families and friends can gather together safely within our churches.

Matrimony If possible the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather together in numbers safely.

Anointing the sick. No pastoral visits should be made to people who are self isolating until the isolation period ends. Do offer phone support.

Funerals The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

Easter The bishops have yet to make a decision on the Holy Week Ceremonies.

* Our churches will remain open daily for private prayer.

* I will offer Mass in the presbytery (for obvious reasons) each day.

* A newsletter will be printed each week. This can be viewed online at stmaryschurchlangho.org or collected from the church porch. The Sunday sermon will also be available on line.

* All parish gatherings will cease until further notice.

* Thank you to all who have made standing orders. If you have offertory envelopes you can keep them until you next come to church or put them through the presbytery letterbox. But once again thank you for your support.

* We will continue to pray for the sick and the dead on a weekly basis. Please join in these prayers at home.

* As far as you can keep an eye out for those who are housebound or self isolating. If you are in that category have you established a link with a family member, neighbour or friend ?

* The basket is in the porch for donations of tinned goods and other items for the Asylum Seekers and Refugee Community. Now more than ever do they depend on your continuing generosity.

* We should pray each day "Stay with us Lord on our journey." We are in unchartered waters facing difficult times. If we stay together we will survive.

MASS INTENTIONS Ellen Walsh, George Hutchinson, Rhona Stott, Edward Reeder

COLLECTIONS 15th March Gift Aid £143.50. Non gift aid £0.00. loose £32.51. Total £176.01.

St. Anthony's Box £10. CAFOD Fast Day Total to date £307.38. Thank you

We pray for **Anthony Gillies, Danny Barlow, Jane Mary Taylor, Arthur Bibby, Gwen Rawstron, Margaret Kobell, Joanne Newsham, Julie Heyes, Lisa Melody, Norma Collins, Father Peter Harvey, Rachel Pilkington, Teresa Lovick, Brian Fisher, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, Father Leo, George Hutchinson** and all who are sick

We pray for all who died recently.

We also pray for **Canon Dorran, Janet Ennis, Jean Barnes, Eileen Boonham, Jim Aspin, Michael Lupton, Elizabeth Gillibrand, Mary Ellen Craven, Edwin Twomey, Hilda Catlow, Jack Forest, Brother Bede Wareing, Mary and George Smith, Nellie Chadwick, Rhona Stott** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.