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SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020

ST. MARY'S LANGHO

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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. The 200 Club draw will be made as usual and the results published in the newsletter.*

* *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 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 for the food bank is in the porch. It will be collected each week. Now more than ever is your generosity needed to help those in need locally.*

* *We should pray "Stay with us Lord on our journey." We are in uncharted waters facing difficult times. If we support each other in whatever way possible we will survive.*

MASS INTENTIONS For a successful operation, Get well for Fr. Leo (2).

COLLECTIONS 15th March Gift Aid £330. Loose £205 Standing Orders £50 total £585. Thank you
Thanks to the Wednesday Club for a donation to the parish of £150

We pray for **Father Peter Harvey, Jean Wilson, Joan Robson, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, James Murphy, Vanessa Capiello, Megan McDonnell, Sean Reilly, William King, Sharon Moran, Warren Astin, David Belshaw, Joe Kemp, Steve Moss, Mary Wiltshire, Mick McKeon, Heather Dost, Muriel Scholey, Ian Ward, Norma Collins, Rachel Pilkington, Margaret Clague, Mary Curran, Sheila Aspin, Frank Kinney, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, Father Leo** and all who are sick.

We pray for all who have left our world recently to journey home to God

We also remember **Canon Dorran, Harry Tomlinson, Patricia Mercer, Michael Lupton, Finula Filbin, Janet Morgan, Fr. Michael Phelan, Denis Gaffing, Leo Musker, Bob Tattersall, Patrick Dwyer, Kathleen Tomlinson, Martin Filbin, Kathleen Atherton, Joe Healy, Mary and Joe Healy** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.