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Dear Friends,

Firstly can I pay tribute to the many years of devoted service given to the diocese and to St. Mary's, Osbaldeston by Canon Dorran. He has left a great legacy of faithful service behind him. I can only hope that I can continue to give to both our communities the same level of devoted service. Our prayers go with him as he begins a new chapter in his life.

We must now move forward to plan for the future. We are one parish with two churches and two schools served by one priest. So we must put into place a scheme that is workable and practical. In consultation with the Vicar General the Mass times have been revised.

From the weekend of the 16 / 17th December Mass times we be as follows:

Saturday 6.00pm Langho

Sunday 9.30am Langho, 11.00am Osbaldeston.

Baptisms will be at 12.30pm in either church.

As you may know I will be out of action for the coming weeks due to a hip replacement operation this Sunday. Arrangements are in place for priests to cover the weekend Masses at both churches. At Langho until the end of November and at Osbaldeston until the weekend of the 10 / 11th December. Weekday services will be announced as and when it is possible to arrange them.

Obviously there will be changes in both Churches. These will be discussed at parish meetings as soon as I am back to active service. So I hope you will give me time to make a full recovery.

Can I thank the priests who have helped to keep Sunday Masses at Osbaldeston going. You know who they are. We would have been lost without them .I know Canon Dorran was very grateful for their services. And so am I . It does show the willingness of our local priests to give so generously of their time to help us continue.

A new chapter begins in the life of both our parishes. You have all given faithful support in the past. We have a great legacy upon which we can build. We must work together. We must support each other.

May The Good Lord stay with us as we journey on together.

Fr. Leo