

Our Lady Help of Christians

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29TH MARCH 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Confessions: Thursday 12noon-12.30pm: Friday
12noon – 12.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament every Friday 11.30am -12.30pm

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice. Live streaming of Mass on Sundays is available through the Cathedral website at Northampton. If you have Masses booked please note that I will be celebrating private Masses for your loved ones. Our church will be open daily from morning until evening for private prayer.

I would like to ask for your support during this difficult time. Whilst we are not able to come together to celebrate Mass at this time, the Church still needs funds to enable us to continue to pay our bills, keep the church running and open, so please continue to support the church financially.

You can continue your weekly collection contributions by 3 different ways:-

1. Pop your donation into an envelope, and put it through the Presbytery letter box
2. Send us a cheque made out to 'Our Lady Help of Christians', and post it to 52 Castle Street, Luton, Beds LU1 3AG
3. We would like to encourage those parishioners who do not currently give by Standing Order to donate online. This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. Please ensure the parish name and area i.e. Our Lady's, Luton that the donation is intended for is indicated in the notes section of the donate page.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS A DOWRY TO MARY

3 day Triduum of Prayer will start on 26 March 2020. On the 29th March we will be re-dedicating England as a Dowry to Mary. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to do this as a community, however this can be done individually. The COVID-19 pandemic is an example of why The Rededication is so important at this moment. In this time of fear and uncertainty, it is of the greatest importance for us to place ourselves under the protection and guidance of Christ through Mary, Our Mother. Please see www.behold2020.com for details of the prayers to be recited over this period

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES and GIFT AID

Please collect your named box of giving envelopes for the new financial year if you take part in the scheme. They are available in the porch on Sundays. Contact the Parish Secretary during office hours for collection at other times, or if you would like to sign up to the scheme.

If you are in the scheme and are a UK tax payer then we urge you to sign up to Gift Aid, so that we can recover from the Government the taxable portion of your donation. This amounts to 20p in every £1. Gift Aid forms are available from the Parish Secretary.

Finally, data protection regulations require us to delete/amend obsolete information, so please let us know promptly of any changes in your details since last year. Information on how the Parish Office uses your data and details is available from the Parish Secretary.

SUNDAY Fr. Dariusz		People of the Parish The Friends of St. Clare's Living and Dead Patsy Wynne – RIP Jim Riley – Anniv. RIP
Fr. Dariusz		Pauline Clarke – RIP Josie Roache – RIP Catherine O'Connor - RIP
Fr. Dariusz		Souls in Purgatory James Patrick Hayes – 10th Anniv. RIP
MONDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS
Fr. Dariusz		Thanksgiving Matt Flynn – RIP Teresa Quinn - RIP
TUESDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS
Fr. Dariusz		Earnie Davidson – RIP Mary Kilbride – RIP Susan Curry - RIP
WEDNESDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS
Fr. Dariusz		Stanley Nunes – Ints. Bill Carolan - RIP
THURSDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS
Fr. Dariusz		Pamela Jones – 5th Anniv. RIP Mary Elizabeth McMeel – Anniv. RIP
FRIDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS
Fr. Dariusz		Dermot Kearney – Birthday Remem. Mary Kerfoot - RIP
SATURDAY Fr. Jeremy		NO MASS

WORDFEST will be postponed from 6th June. The diocese are in talks with the National Scripture Tour for a date for Spring next year. All purchased tickets will be refunded.

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FIRST SUNDAY TEAS AND COFFEE

The First Sunday Tea and Coffee session due on April 5th has been cancelled .