

# CATHOLIC PARISHES of RIPLEY & BELPER WITH DUFFIELD

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**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*)**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The Bishop has suspended all public celebrations of the Mass from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. He has directed however that all priests should continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day in private and to pray the Divine Office on behalf of their parishioners and for the whole Church.**

Each day I will hold all parishioners in my heart, especially those suffering from the Coronavirus in our own communities and throughout the world, together with health and other public sector workers who are keeping the nation going at this difficult time, and praying for politicians and policy makers too, that they will be guided to make wise decisions for the common good.

Where an intention for a loved one or some particular private intention has been received it will be honoured. Special intentions being observed this week are:

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Angela Vale – RIP (JV)	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) People of the Parish
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annie Fox's Ints (LD)	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Fr Michael Teader (MF)
<i>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Solemnity - The Annunciation of the Lord) – The People of the Parish</i>	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Meryl Pass – RIP (M&MW)	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Tricia Lloyd's Intentions (SVP)
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Maria Lopuc (MM)	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) – People of the Parish

There are no groups or meetings until further notice. St Margaret Clitherow's and St Joseph's Hall cannot be hired out.

Due to the present emergency the obligation to attend Mass is removed. The Bishop has indicated that the churches are nevertheless to be opened each week. This will be for private prayer at Duffield, and before the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration at Ripley and Belper. This week times are:

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March St Margaret Clitherow's from 6.00 till 7.00pm**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March St Joseph's Church from 9.00am till 11am**  
~~Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Our Lady's Church from 9.00am till 9.00pm (this has been cancelled)~~  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Our Lady's Church from 11.00am till 12noon**

## **It is important that hand hygiene together with social distancing of approx. 6ft is observed**

The Bishop is streaming Mass each Sunday at 10am, and devotions at other times, from the chapel at Bishop's House. Search for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube, and see also his Facebook and Twitter accounts. There are plans to stream Masses from the Cathedral too and certain other churches in the Diocese. Local plans are being developed for our own parish.

Please remember that donations to the local food banks are still required, now more than ever as many will soon be laid off or lose their jobs.

In the anxious upcoming period, we must each do all we can to support one another by prayer, by active neighbourliness, and by keeping in touch, especially with those whose social support network may not be extensive and who may feel very isolated. Keep in touch with the parish too via the website. Each week the bulletin will continue to be published and a number of hard copies will be made available in each church.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Fr Michael Kirkham**