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tcORONAVIRUS UPDATE: The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales announced this week that all public celebration of Mass is to be suspended until further notice.

Celebration of First Communion and Confirmations is postponed until later in the year. Baptisms and Weddings will be deferred.

There will be restrictions on Funerals which during the pandemic no longer take place in church, and will only take place at the graveside or crematorium subject to the conditions laid down by the Local Authorities.

It is hoped that at some future point we will be able to hold memorial masses.

There will be no sick visiting, and visits to care homes and hospitals will depend upon the latest advice.

CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN FOR QUIET PRAYER AS OUTLINED BELOW.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO OPEN AND/CLOSE THE CHURCH DURING THE WEEK

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING ADVICE AND WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING CHURCH.

We hope the daily suggestions outlined below will provide useful ideas and resources in the absence of more formal worship opportunities. The newsletter will be available on line each week, and that will include the Sunday readings, reflections and a homily. For those unable to access resources online—copies of the newsletter will be available at the back of church.

Each Sunday you are asked to set aside time (30 mins) from 10am to read and reflect on the readings. If we all do this at the same time we can feel in solidarity with each other.

We are calling on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00 p.m. each Sunday as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished. **This weekend we remember particularly our Mothers and the role they have had in shaping our lives.**

Books/DVDs/Jigsaws will be available in the parish room at St Aidan’s when the church is open.

We are looking for GOOD quality clean resources so that people can borrow and return them to help them during their time at home. **Any ideas of other initiatives we could put in place to help and support people?**

MONDAY	For Daily readings throughout Lent visit: http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/index.cfm Select the relevant date and listen to the daily reflection Go online to our website and explore the resources available Visit churchservices.TV to watch a celebration of Mass
TUESDAY	OPEN CHURCH 1.00pm—4.00pm Please pray for those who care for the sick
WED	OPEN CHURCH 10am—1pm Please pray for those who work in growing and shipping our food
THURSDAY	OPEN CHURCH 10am—1pm Please pray for our transport workers
FRIDAY	OPEN CHURCH 1pm—4pm Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners
SATURDAY	OPEN CHURCH 10am—1pm CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY	OPEN CHURCH ST BERNADETTE'S 9.30—11AM ST AIDAN'S 11AM—1.00PM 10AM REFLECT ON THE READINGS OF THE DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR COMMUNITY 7PM PLACE A LIGHTED CANDLE IN YOUR WINDOW AS A SIGN OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST