



**Welcome to
Saint Bernadette's Church
22nd March 2020
Fourth Week of Lent (A)**

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**Holy Souls', Scunthorpe, St Bernadette's, Scunthorpe
St Norbert's, Crowle, St Thomas', Gainsborough
20th March 2020**

I appreciate that Sundays will be different for us all during this period, including myself and Fr Liam. Fr Liam and myself will be celebrating Mass each day privately and on Sundays in particular for all the people of our Parishes

Bishop Patrick will be livestreaming Mass from the chapel in Bishop's House, each Sunday morning at 10.00 am until we can gather together again; you can find this by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube or by finding him on Facebook or Twitter.

Saint Bernadette's Church, Ashby Road will be open each day between 10.00am and 4.00pm, for private visits and prayers, though the Adoration Chapel will be closed; Holy Souls', Frodingham Road will be open on Sunday mornings between 10.00 am & noon, and I hope arrangements can be made for St Thomas', Gainsborough and St Norbert's Crowle to open at other times. Please respect Government guidance about self-isolation when considering if you should visit our churches, and please respect Government guidance on hygiene and social distancing when in our churches

I will ensure that an electronic version of the bulletin, with reading and reflections will be emailed out each week and placed on respective websites with copies, were possible, left in our churches.

Holy Communion will not be distributed during this period, at home or in church, but anyone who is seriously ill and needs to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and the Blessed Eucharist should contact St Bernadette's Presbytery (01724 844895), likewise anyone who is in need of pastoral support. Arrangements will be made to visit, if we are permitted to do so as Fr Liam and myself must follow the same guidance as you are being asked to follow. Would ministers of Holy Communion please maintain telephone contact, were possible, with those whom they visit on a regular basis.

We all have a part to play, and as citizens we have a duty to play our part in protecting ourselves and each other. These are difficult times for us all. I realise there is a sacrificial offering in this; as we fast from Mass and the Blessed Eucharist. During this holy season of Lent, much is being asked of us; I hope this makes us think about what matters while remembering that Good Friday is always followed by Easter Sunday.

Please do read the Sunday readings and watch Mass online if you can. Please continue to say your prayers each day, and to follow the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Please telephone lonely or vulnerable relatives, friends or neighbours but please do not visit anyone who is self-isolating.

Please do get in touch if you're able to help others, e.g., by delivering shopping or contacting vulnerable parishioners by telephone who have asked us to contact them.

And please, please, please look after yourselves and your families by respecting to the letter the guidance that is issued by the Government, Public Health England or the NHS – it is for our own good, as individuals and a community. We are one family, and during these last few years we have had our ups and downs, but by sticking together, even when apart, we will get through this and we will rise again, stronger and wiser.

Canon Geoffrey & Fr Liam