



Our Lady of the Rosary Hayes ~ Newsletter

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Mass Intentions

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic and in line with the decision of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - NO PUBLIC MASSES will be held until further notice.

Fr Gregory will continue to celebrate the daily masses privately for your intentions.

Sunday 29th March 2020 -5th Sunday of Lent

Sat (eve) Nora O'Toole
Charles Keating (Jr) RIP
People of the Parish

Sunday 5th April 2020 - Palm Sunday

Sat (eve) Holy Souls
People of the Parish
Louis Pereira RIP

Monday 30th March - Feria

Daisy Hart

Tuesday 31st March - Feria

Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st April - Feria

NO MASS

Thursday 2nd April - Feria

Peter Hamblen RIP

Friday 3rd April - Feria - Lent Fast Day

Holy Souls

Saturday 4th April - Feria



Last Sunday's Collection: *£464p

Received through standing orders only, with thanks

*if you would like to continue to contribute while public masses are suspended, please see details on this newsletter and website.

Your prayers are asked for: Vincent Ellis, Michael Clive, Travers Armitage, Kaya Babutsali, Sarah Blane, David Brewer, David Butler, Kenneth Carvalho, James Cobby, Kath Cooper, Maureen Crowhurst, Lillian Cunningham, Derek Dineen, Lyn Dunsmore, Anne Evans, Peter Fell, Michael Finette, Michelle Fitzsimons, Ann Frewer, Christine Fryer, Karen Godden, Terry Goggin, Mary Greenwood, Margaret Griffin, Pat Hasset, Dagmar Halls, Lee Hayden, Emma Hewitt, Karen Higgins, Timothy Higgins, Ann Hurst, John Leeson, Tony McShane, Beryl Mills, Lennard Molander, Michael Morris, Jonathan Mulcrone, Ian Netherstreet, John O'Connor, Rosemary Paulette, Howard Perez, Frances Poulter, Megan Purpuri, Emma Ray, Colin Righini, Eily Robins, Georgia Sams, Declan Ronald Scholler, Bidy Slater, Mark Slater, Anne Smith, Calum Stone, Merle Swanston, Lisa Sweetman, Marie Tredger, Dorothy Watson, Gertrude Wheeler, Yvonne Young.

Those who have died recently-: Thomas Walsh, Archbishop Peter

This week's Anniversaries of Death: Michael Bayne, James McCann, Charles Abela, Colin Devenish, Colleen Robery, Peter Hamblen, Rose Eaves, Robert Piell, Pope John Paul II, Lawrence Corcoran, Bina Higgins, Mary Geoghegan **May they rest in Peace**



Sanctuary Lamp for:
Holy Souls

****CORONAVIRUS****

In line with the decision of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales of 18th March 2020

**NO PUBLIC MASSES OR SERVICES
WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

We are working hard to keep our parish website updated with the latest information - please visit

<https://catholic-hayes.org> and see the Coronavirus page.

As you seek to continue your prayer life at home, you can find live-streamed Masses and other resources on our Pray at Home page.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

An extract from the letter from the President and Vice-President on behalf of all the Bishops of the Conference - for full version, see link on the website.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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. (...)

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time. (...)

The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you.

*'The Lord is my shepherd,
There is nothing I shall want.'*

May God bless us all.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols President

18th March 2020

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Vice-President

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

During these challenging times, we will be working hard to keep our parish website up-to-date with information and resources to help us maintain our parish communication, community spirit and prayer life.

NO public Masses or other services (such as Stations of the Cross) will take place until further notice.

- *Fr Gregory will celebrate daily Mass and Sunday Mass alone, without a public congregation. Mass intentions can be sent to the parish office, preferably by email.*
- *With immediate effect, without any exceptions, all our churches and chapels across the Archdiocese must remain closed to the public.*
- *The First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes, including classes, have been suspended until further notice.*
- *Baptisms currently booked will be postponed.*
- *Parish groups and Hall users have suspended their activities. No one is to use the Annexe at this time.*
- *The SVP has halted its collection of items for the food bank from our church, BUT we are working with the Hayes Community, Hayes Schools and St Mary's to identify vulnerable residents of Hayes who may be in need of support at this time, if you know of any fellow parishioners, friends or neighbours who might need help please email the Parish Office. See further details on our parish website. Hayes Primary School and the Warren have been transformed and are holding food banks.*

Although we are socially isolated from each other, we are not isolated from Christ. Now is a time to strengthen our spiritual bonds of connection through personal prayer and the intensification of our inner relationship with Christ. We will continue to use our website to sustain our communal online presence, with the live-streaming of Mass and devotions from different churches within our Archdiocese and beyond. For the time being, our buildings must close; but our hearts must open wider, expanding with love for Christ and others.

Let us pray for all those working to overcome the effects of the Coronavirus and all those affected by it.

The Archbishop encourages 'every Catholic - individuals, couples and families - to create, if there is not one already present, a simple shrine in their home, with a crucifix and religious images, to provide a focus until that blessed day when we are able to gather in our churches once more.'

Financial Support for the Parish:

During and after these challenging times, we anticipate the needs of many will be great - while public parish worship is suspended, if you normally support the parish financially in cash at the collection at Mass each Sunday, **and you possibly can** and wish to continue your financial support regularly, we would ask you to consider setting up a standing order, or you can make your donation directly to Our Lady of the Rosary Church:

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