

Need a priest

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals.

Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

Celebrating



Holy Week

Holy week this year is going to like no other, ever.

The liturgies of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter will be celebrated in each parish church by a lone priest. The liturgy of Good Friday will be celebrated only in the Cathedral by the bishop and the priests who live in the cathedral house with him.

As with the daily mass at the moment, we have to share in the liturgies of Holy Week through associating ourselves by prayer and / or watching on line.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism mass which usually takes place in Holy Week, when all the priests in the diocese gather



with the bishop in the cathedral, celebrate mass together, renew their priestly vows, and bless the holy oils to use during the following year.

This year the mass will be postponed until later in the year.

Prayer to guardian angel

This is a traditional prayer, which had fallen out of use, probably for centuries, which once was said by people who were unable to go to mass. It has now found a new life, and can be used to associate yourself with the mass offered in your parish that day, perhaps saying it at the time you know mass is being celebrated, but it could be said at any time.

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at the mass for me.

At the offertory, take me to God and offer Him my service: what I am, what I have, offer as my gift.

At the consecration with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.

During Holy Communion bring me the Body and Blood of Jesus, uniting Him with me in Spirit, so that my heart may become his dwelling place.

Plead with him, that through his sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved.

When the mass ends, bring home to me, and to every home, the Lord's blessing.

Amen

Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

Following the rededication of the church in our land to Our Lady of Walsingham last Sunday, a novena of prayers was started, bring the trials of this time to Mary in Prayer.

Normally a novena lasts for nine days. This novena will continue each day until the pandemic passes.

All of us are invited to join in this novena. The prayers for the novena can be found and downloaded by searching for "Walsingham novena prayers" on the internet.



Prayer for England

Many have asked for the words of the Prayer for England which was used as the basis for the rededication last week. Here is the traditional prayer.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross.

O sorrowful mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen

New 10 commandments competition



We don't need new commandments, we have the old ones which still work. But just like Pope Francis, we might like to think what our new ones would be if we had to apply the unchanging law of love to the specific time we live in.

The real commandments are for all times and all ages, Pope Francis's 10 commandments are just for our age, and when our age passes they will cease to be relevant.

You are invited to submit suggestions for what a 10 commandments for our time might be, that is this special time of pandemic and isolation which the world is passing through. What wisdom are we learning from this experience and what commands should we follow.

You can submit as many or as few suggestions as you want.

Email them to

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and we will assemble a set for publication. We will keep the sources of any commandment private, but if children are submitting any suggestions can they include their age and we will mention that.

Remember

Never

Don't

Do

Always

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