

## St Marys and Holy Family Night-shelter

The Nightshelter programme came to an end on Wednesday 18th March. This service, God in Action has proved to be well supported, organised and run from December to mid March. The provision has proved to be well attended and relied on by the homeless of our city and thanks must be given to the dedication, care and support given by our volunteers.

Plans to extend the provision have, sadly, been scuppered due to a variety of reasons, including Coronavirus.

Please continue to pray for the homeless in our society and should you feel able to volunteer for when we open our doors again please contact Deacon Maurice who leads the programme and for that we thank him.



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Keeping  
a Holy Lent

## Dates for your Diary

Details of how and when the liturgies of Holy week will be posted in due course

5th April	Palm Sunday
9th April	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
10th April	Good Friday, The Liturgy of the Passion
11th April	Easter Vigil,
12th April	Easter Sunday

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## New Financial Year Envelopes

If anyone wishes to collect their gift aid envelopes for the new tax year (6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021), these can be obtained from the Priory. If you are not contributing via the gift aid scheme but still wish to make a weekly contribution to parish funds, then all monies can be delivered to the Priory letterbox in a suitably marked envelope.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

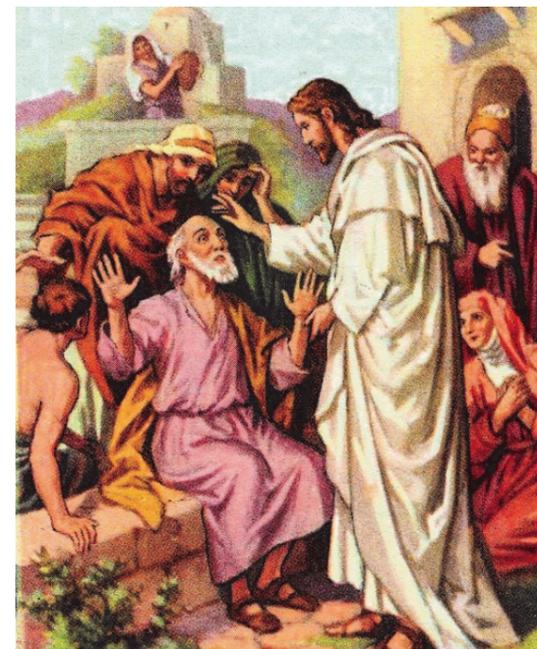
A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you.

Some possible points of entry are:

1. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was the experience like for you?
2. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to seeing the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each attitude in us.

What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?

3. There are many characters in the story Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them



## Holy Family Masses

Mgr Maguire will celebrate a private Mass each day at Holy Family church. The church will be open for private prayer and devotions from 10am-11am each day.

## St Mary's Masses

There will be no public access to the celebration of Mass.

St Mary's church will be open for private prayer and devotion from 1pm to 7pm each day.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

10.00 Veronica McCarthy

12.00 Basil Hall

### Monday 23rd

9.30 Baker Family and Betty Lee

### Tuesday 24th

9.30 Alice John and family

12.15 Archbishop John Aloysius Ward

### Wednesday 25th The Annunciation of the Lord.

9.30 For the Sick & Infirm

12.15 For the Wellbeing of the People of the Parish

### Thursday 26th

9.30 Holy Souls

12.15 Michael Maher

### Friday 27th

9.30 Jones Family

12.15- Holy Souls

### Saturday 28th

12.15 Mary Donovan and Mary Smart

### Fifth Sunday of Lent (

10.00 Stephen Sullivan

12.00 Repose of the Soul of Patricia, Yvonne and Edward Best

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the following who died recently:

**Mrs Adele Clements** The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th March.

**Mr Frederick Haines**— The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March.

**Mrs Nora Dooley**- The funeral will be celebrated on Monday 6th April.

**Mrs Patricia Bunce**- The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 7th April.

## Pray for the Sick

**Holy Family:** David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Susanna, Chris Collins, Hanna Marengi, May Dalet, Linda Mantle.

**St. Mary's:** Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jean Hayman, Heugette Skinner, Will Johnson, Ivan Sadka, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward. Doreen Utley Maria Sullivan.

## Volunteering to assist

For obvious reasons, the importance of providing assistance to the vulnerable and housebound in this situation, is paramount. Pulling together with acts of charity is at the heart of our Catholic faith and we are seeking a team of volunteers who will be able to provide food and essential supplies to those who are self-isolating. It is especially important to have a wide number of individuals supporting this initiative due to the supermarket restrictions on amounts of certain groceries available per person.

If there is anyone not exhibiting symptoms of illness and not in a high-risk category who would be willing to assist in this respect, please email your name and contact details (phone number and email) to [can-ton@rcadc.org](mailto:can-ton@rcadc.org) with the Subject heading **Covid-19**.

In the same respect if you or anyone you know could benefit from support in this manner, please also let us know by the same means.

Fr Nicholas

## Pastoral Letter

Archbishop George has published a pastoral letter for the Feast of St Joseph, the full text of which is attached to the email accompanying the newsletter. Also attached is the text of a prayer written by Pope Francis.

## Coronavirus

The bishops of England and Wales have decreed that the public celebration of Mass and other liturgies will cease from the evening of 20th March 2020 until further notice. The obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is temporarily removed.

Individuals can request to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with strict adherence to hygiene and distancing requirements.

The celebration of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are all postponed until further notice.

Marriages should be deferred if possible. If the most pressing circumstances demand, a marriage can be celebrated but only with the smallest possible number of people present: Celebrant; Bride and Groom; Registrar/ Authorised Person; Two Witnesses; Most immediate family.

The anointing of the sick may be celebrated according to need— the Holy Oil must be applied using a cotton bud with no laying on of hands.

No pastoral visits should be undertaken to households which are self-isolating.

Funerals will only be conducted at the graveside or at the crematorium, subject to local authority directives. In memoriam Masses can be celebrated publicly at a future date when normality has resumed.

Father Nicholas and I celebrated the last public Mass at 9.30am last Friday. There will be no further public celebration of Mass until circumstances substantially change. Be assured that Fr Nicholas, Mgr John and myself will continue to celebrate daily Masses though in the absence of a congregation.

The live webcam streaming at St Mary's provides us with a wonderful opportunity to remain as connected as is possible in present circumstances. We will attempt to maintain the schedule of Masses so that people have a stable point of reference. Please take note of the times when both churches will be open for private prayer and devotions.

We will endeavour to celebrate an hour of Eucharistic adoration twice each week, which will also be live-streamed, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm, concluding with Benediction. On the other days, when the church is closed at 7pm, we will celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church.

During this time of anxiety and disruption, it will be essential that we each strive to maintain our sense of spiritual communion with one another as we stand before the Lord. We are being provided with an opportunity to reflect deeply on the very nature of life and we are being called to enhance our personal relationship with the Lord through a daily commitment to prayer. It will be essential that we guard against becoming isolated and dislocated. We need to remind ourselves and one another that we are truly a family of faith.

Many people have already volunteered to offer assistance to those in need as and when necessary. Although we hear of situations where selfishness is manifesting itself, we should be encouraged by the fact that so many are demonstrating the very opposite, through willing generosity. Whilst remaining attentive to all guidance regarding our own health and the health of others, we can render great service in obedience to the great commandment— love of God and love of neighbour.

Let us keep the victims of the virus in our prayers. We pray for the eternal repose of those who have died, for those who are currently suffering the effects of the virus and for those who are caring for them. We also pray for the medical and scientific community in its effort to search for an effective vaccine.

Canon Peter G Collins

## Live-streaming of Masses at St Mary's

We are extremely fortunate to have a live-streaming capability already well established at St Mary of the Angels, which gives us the ability to broadcast liturgies via the parish website homepage. To access this, you will need an internet browser, either on a computer, tablet or mobile phone, with an internet connection sufficiently capable of streaming video- data. Bear in mind limits to your data allowance depending on what internet contract you are on, especially when using mobile devices.

Go to [www.cardiffwestcatholics.org.uk](http://www.cardiffwestcatholics.org.uk) and scroll down to the bottom of the "home" page. There, you will find a window with the Live-Stream. Click in the bottom right hand corner (as shown) to bring up to full screen size and click the "Play" > arrow. When the microphones are on (as they should be during liturgies), whatever is being broadcast from the sanctuary should be clearly audible. During Mass, it will be possible to follow along with the responses from home, and at the point that the priest receives the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, you can make a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

