

24 March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I do hope and pray that you are all keeping well and healthy in this very worrying situation in which we all need reassurance that God is the King of Creation and that Jesus is the Lord of All.

Although we cannot for now gather together to offer Holy Mass, the church is still very much alive, and I remember and pray for all of you in my daily private Masses and liturgy of the hours. Though you are restricted from coming to the church for daily Masses, please pray with your family at home by saying the rosary, reading passages from the Bible and saying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the Mercy of God.

Reflections on the Word of God, Mass sheets and newsletters are available on the church website and via email. If you can pray at home with me during the time of Masses and liturgical prayers, that will help us to live in the communion of the parish family.

This Sunday, 29 March, we are re-dedicating England, our church, our parish and families to Our Lady of Walsingham. I will be doing the re-dedication in the parish at 12pm with the Holy Mass. Seminarian Bienn and I will join with you spiritually to do the re-dedication. The prayers are available on the website and in the Mass sheets. Please make use of these to do the re-dedication of our families.

If you have Mass intentions to offer, you can send them to me through email or by phone. If you wish to make a Mass intention donation, you can either do so when you come to church after it has been re-opened for public worship or you can pay directly now to the church account. Details are given in the newsletter and on the website.

Please look out for each other and for those in our community who are in need, and please let me know if I can help with anything. I encourage you to be safe. Please be assured of my prayers at this time. I will miss seeing you all but I am always available by phone or email.

With love, prayers and blessings,

*Fr Philip John*

Your Parish Priest in Jesus Christ