

St Bernardine, Buckingham & St Martin, Brackley

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Year 2020, Year A

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No Public Liturgical Celebrations: The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, has agreed that the **cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday evening 20th March 2020**. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the **obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed**, 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**, following its prayers at home, making an act of spiritual communion 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.

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 neighbor, especially the elderly and vulnerable, contributing to our local food banks, volunteering for charitable initiatives and organizations, simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

Live-Streaming of the Celebration of Mass: The faithful can participate in the prayers of the priest at Mass by watching the live-streaming of Mass. Kindly go to www.walsingham.org.uk or <http://northamptoncathedral.or/live>

Coronavirus Support: We are hoping to set up a **Parish support group**. For those of you who are self-isolating, would you like some help with shopping or other tasks, or just a friendly voice on the phone? Are you well but have the time to help others?

If you contact **Maggy Vince** with details - including your location, we will do our best to pair you up. **01280 817283** or maggyvince@hotmail.co.uk - (this makes the assumption that you are happy for your contact details to be forwarded to another parishioner)

Continued Spiritual Support: Though Masses are suspended, you are still able to receive spiritual support by way of telephonic conversation or personal visit in exceptional cases. Do not hesitate to contact me through email or phone. Fr.Roy

Safeguarding Training Modules: Our Diocesan Safeguarding Office are offering online safeguarding training modules for free to any member of the Catholic community to access, whether to assist them in their role within/for the Church or in their own personal development to be better able to respond to safeguarding needs and feel more empowered. For more details, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office using the following contact details: safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com (01604 723514)

Funeral Service for Sue Yeoman: We are unable to celebrate the Requiem Mass for Sue as planned in St.Bernardine's, due to Corona Virus threat. Hence, the service will be conducted at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium on **Monday 30th March at 1.30 pm**. Only family members are expected. We will have a proper memorial Mass in St.Bernardine's at another time.

CAFOD Collection: Happy to give you the figures of our CAFOD fast day collection. Together we have raised **£668.75** this year. Thanks to everyone who contributed generously.

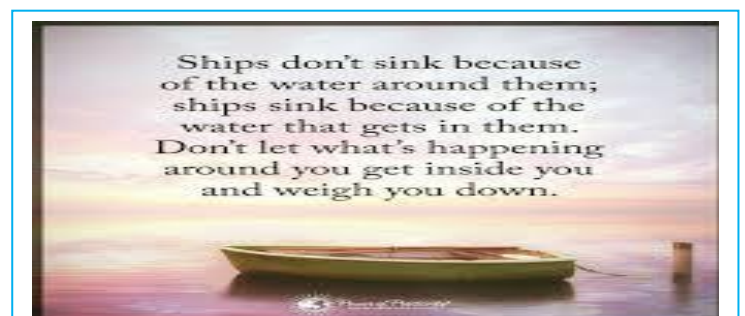
We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this Week: Desmond Conroy, Mary & John Barrick, Annie Vidler, Tom Faulkner, Mary Anderson, Gabrielle Glutz Von Blotzheim, Pearl Thick, Jim Roche, Jenny Ryan, Evelyn Marron, Kathleen Balm.

Sunday Readings & Theme in Brief:

First Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 (God does not judge a person according to appearances, but he looks at the heart. David, the youngest, is chosen and anointed king)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8- 14 (The light of Christ shines on us since baptism. We are therefore children of light, called to bring forth fruits of goodness, justice, and truth)

Gospel: John 9:1-41 (A man born blind encounters Christ and can see, first with his eyes and then with the eyes of faith. We are that person)



Last Week's Offertory Collection: St.Bernardine's: £394.03

St.Martin's: £181.30

Thank You