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This is Easter Day. The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

Sunday 12th April 2020, Easter Sunday

Coronavirus: In order to help prevent the further spread of the Covid-19 virus, we are complying with explicit instructions from the Prime Minister: all places of worship are closed. All public Masses, weddings and baptisms are prohibited until further notice. Funerals are allowed, but not in church and with a limited number of mourners at either the graveside or cremation service. Mass is being celebrated by your priests every day in Our Lady's Church, but without a congregation. All Mass intentions previously booked are being honoured in these private Masses (see below for the Mass Intentions list). Your obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is removed for now, meaning that it is not a sin to miss Sunday Mass during this period. We had hoped to be "live-streaming" our services, but this has not happened.

The Presbytery is currently closed to visitors, but your priests are in residence and can be contacted by phone or email (see above); we are happy to respond to emergency call, where permitted. Kettering General Hospital is, at present, allowing priests to attend for anointing etc as long as we wear gown, mask, goggles and gloves. Many care homes are not allowing any visitors at all, not even priests. Please make contact if you would like a priest to pray with you over the phone. Fr David is today being voluntarily redeployed to a parish in Central London which has particular ministry to homeless people, who are in particular need at this time.

Act of Spiritual Communion. Please pray at home and watch Mass online at northamptondiocese.org
Asking for a Spiritual Communion in these words: *"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 myself to be parted from you. Amen."*

Envelopes. Many of you have kindly asked about how to support the church at this time, and have asked about how to provide the Easter Offering for priests. If you are able to, please save up your envelope/giving until this period is over. Or, we have a form we could forward to you, on request, about how to donate

Wishing you a Happy, Joyful Easter, Canon Michael & Fr David

Please do not forget the **Food Bank** at this time. Please do not bring your foods here, but take them directly to: St Peters and St Andrews, Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0EH (Mondays 13.30-1500 and Fridays 11.30-13.00) or St Columba, Studfall Avenue, NN17 1LG: (Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00).

If you know if anyone in need of the Foodbank, please let them know of these times.

Without doubt, this has been the strangest Holy Week and Easter that any of us can remember. The sorrow of those who are not able to come to the wonderful Triduum liturgies is equalled by the sorrow of the priests who have to celebrate them “in camera”, behind closed doors. An extra prayer was added by the Church to the Ten Solemn Intercessions of Good Friday, as follows: may this be the prayer of each one of us at this time.

“Let us pray for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families, and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died, and throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.

Through Christ our Lord. AMEN”

As reported last week, sadly, this year’s First Holy Communion Masses and Confirmation Mass have been postponed “sine die” to a date yet to be arranged, possibly in the Autumn. We apologise for any inconvenience. Finally, the Church has dispensed us all from making our Easter Duties this year (whereby every Catholic must make a Confession and receive Holy Communion). This year, instead, just make a Perfect Act of Contrition at home, with profound sorrow for sin. Private Confession is not allowed at the moment, nor General Absolution. Please take care of those who are self-isolating; keep prayerful; keep faithful. Look after yourself and, more importantly, look after each other.

We are living in strange times. God will see us through.

No Public Masses Until Further Notice. Priest’s Private Mass will be for the following pre-booked Intentions

Saturday	Our Lady’s Peter McCartin RIP
	Thrapston Peter and Phil Nicholettos
Sunday	Our Lady’s James, Catherine and John March A
	Oundle: Daisy Neale A; Thrapston: Agnes Timlin A; Raunds: Nicholas Barwood and Hannah Brown RIP
	St John Ogilvie’s
Monday	Oundle
Tuesday	Our Lady’s Jeremiah Sheehan / Special Int
Wednesday	Our Lady’s Joe and Kathleen Owens A / Special Int
Thursday	Our Lady’s Bill Quinn RIP
	Thrapston; John Branigan RIP
Friday	St John Ogilvie’s Intention
Saturday	Our Lady’s William Currie RIP / Vincent and Peter Reilly A
Sunday	Our Lady’s Margaret Smith A / John Fox A
	St John Ogilvie’s Intention

May They Rest In Peace: Ann Cheatham late of Driffield Grove, Margaret Garvey, aged 81, late of Richmond Road; Thomas Slevin, age 77 late of Granby Close; Bill Quinn, aged 93, late of Lingfield Walk; Carmel Gallagher aged 81, formerly of Nithsdale Road; Kevin Leese, aged 69 of Ashley Court Kettering; Fiona Rippie, aged 53 late of Willowbrook Road; Thomas Murphy aged 92, late of Coleridge Way.

Private funerals will be arranged for now, with the option of Masses of Memorial at a later date.