

So, lockdown 2 begins, it all seems very familiar sadly. Some of us may be surprised about the announcement of the lockdown and yet many of us probably thought this was inevitable. We are where we are. I am of course very aware of the impact this has on our mental health and physical well-being. It is tough and my thoughts are with you all as we enter another period of being confined to our homes.

Our faith is so important and particular at this time where we once again have to limit our contact with people outside our households so as before Masses will be celebrated everyday except Monday, I have set out the times below and please do keep an eye on the website as bulletins will be issued online and I will write my homilies out to hopefully give you some spiritual nourishment.

Masses will be celebrated online at St Teresa's at the following times:

Mass Tonight only (5th Nov) – 7pm

Tuesday – Friday 9:30am

Saturday – 5:15pm

Sunday - 9:30am

Click on the link on the parish website and you will be taken to the live broadcast of daily Mass. If you want, you can also catch up on the Mass during the day as a recording of the daily Mass will be available on the homepage too. If the times change due to a funeral taking place, I will let you know via the website so please do try and look each day. If you want to subscribe to the newsletter follow the link on the newsletter page on the website or failing that give me a call at the presbytery and I will be able to do it for you.

I recognise these are challenging times financially but over the last few months your continued generosity has helped the parishes run smoothly and if at all possible please do continue to give via the PayPal button (safe and secure) on the parish website or by posting cheques through the presbytery letterbox or by post. Because cash seems to be on the decline by setting up a direct debit the money goes straight into parish accounts so for some that is much easier. If this is an option you may wish to consider and require more information please do contact Debbie our parish administrator during her working hours 9:30am – 2:30pm Wednesday and Thursday and she will be happy to talk you through the process.

As we begin another period of uncertainty, I pray that each of us will be safe, look out for each other, be kind and patient with one another and of course continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus. We may not be able to share the Eucharist physically but our Spiritual Communion prayer which is said at each Mass will bring us together in spirit. It is available on the website along with a special pandemic prayer that has been produced.

I am always at the end of the phone if you need anything.

Take care and stay safe my friends

Fr James