

From Fr Sharrocks

Wednesday March 18h 2020

Today we received notification from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales that we are stopping the public celebrations of Mass from Friday evening. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holidays of Obligation is, for the time being, lifted.

The statement from Cardinal Nicholls also appears on the website as well as some notes of clarification from the secretary of the Conference, Canon Thomas.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST PETER'S ARE

Mass will be celebrated each day at 12 noon, except Sunday when it will be at 10 00 a.m. These Masses will be streamed live but are **NOT** open to the public

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. with opportunity for Reconciliation during Lent and again on Saturday morning from 11 – 11 45 when the church will close before Mass.

The church will open on Sundays from 11 00 a.m. till 4 00 p.m. for private prayer.

From Monday to Friday the Church will be open in the mornings till 11 30 a.m. for private prayer.

When you are in church you are asked to observe the norms in force for 'social distancing' and this is particularly important for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I hope to make arrangements for other events/devotions to be streamed live via our webcam which can be accessed at www.churchservices.tv/stockport

DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR ST PHILIPP'S AND THEY WILL BE POSTED HERE AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

We are in process of forming a group of volunteers who will be happy to help those who are unable to get out to shop or just want a chat over the phone. If you need such help then get in touch via our parish phone 0161 483 3476 and leave a message and we shall get back to you.

These are obviously trying times but they should make us come together in prayer for ourselves and all those who are suffering on account of the present situation.

With every best wish

Peter M Sharrocks