

Friday, 20 March 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I am very sad to announce that all public Masses will be suspended at Our Lady of Fatima Church from today Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

The church will remain open to the public every day from 9.00am to 12.00 noon for private prayer.

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation is removed until further notice. However, please make a Spiritual Communion Prayer during this time: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.*

Please pray for Our world, our country and our community: *Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

I will celebrate Private Mass every day and will pray for you and your intentions. Mass intentions that have already been requested will be offered as arranged. Any further Mass intentions can be emailed to office@catholicquinton.org.uk or posted through the letter box by the Parish Office.

I am very aware that this will be a very lonely time for parishioners living on their own, particularly the vulnerable and the elderly. Please keep them in your prayers. Let us pray that the Lord would be close to our grandfathers and grandmothers to all the elderly and give them strength.

During this time of uncertainty, I encourage you and your families to remain strong in your faith and stay connected to me. While Masses will be suspended, we can still be in communion with God and each other through prayer. Sunday remains a Holy Day – a time to rest, enjoy family and friends and enjoy God's presence too.

Parishioners wishing to contact me must do so by phone or email. Please leave a message if there is no immediate reply. All parish activities are now cancelled until further notice.

If there are any further developments concerning the parish life, I will let you know by email and the parish website catholicquinton.org.uk or the parish Twitter [@OLFQuinton](https://twitter.com/OLFQuinton).

I would be grateful for your prayers at this time. Please be assured of my prayers for the wellbeing of you and your family at this time.

God be with us today and always,

Rev. Fr Long Nguyen