

## During this very difficult time, can I update you on the situation we find ourselves in?

### PUBLIC SERVICES

- All public services are suspended until further notice and this includes Sunday and week day Masses. Therefore there is no obligation to attend Mass at this time.
- Confessions will continue at the normal times.
- First Confessions took place on Thursday 19th March 2020.
- Confirmation and First Holy Communions have been postponed until the autumn.
- Baptism, Marriages and Funerals will take place as normal, but only with the immediate family present. Please discuss this further with one of the priests.
- Anointing and visitation of the sick will continue where and when necessary and with the agreement of those visited.

### PRAYER LIFE

Our prayer life will now become even more important, especially during this time of lent.

- We will continue to leave the church open from 8.30am to 6pm each day.
- Between 8.30 and Noon, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are able to sign up and watch for half an hour that would be of great help. Please complete the sheets at the back of the church.
- We also encourage people to come to pray the Stations of the Cross and light candles.
- There will be prayer and spiritual material available on the archdiocesan website: [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)
- Several of our parishes will broadcast Mass via livestream see the archdiocesan website for more details.
- The archbishop has encouraged us all to ask the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and pray the Rosary and/or Memorare for the intentions of the world at this very difficult time.

### OTHER POINTS

Please use the gel when you arrive and leave the church.

- The Bulletin will continue to be printed and available at the usual place within the church and on the website. It would help if more people signed up for the electronic version.

Financial matters. The parish, like every household still has its general running costs.

- We have designated two of the wall boxes for you to leave your Sunday collection.
- We would also ask you to consider taking out a standing order or transferring your weekly/monthly collection direct to the parish bank account.

**Bank details: Royal Bank of Scotland, 18 Tay Walk, Cumbernauld.  
Sort code 832323. Account - 00255000**

- Food Bank. Donations will be greatly appreciated at this difficult.

Finally, if anyone would like a visit or know of someone who would, please contact the parish house.

Finally, please be reassured, we will continue to remember you at Holy Mass each day.

God bless you all.

Fr Daniel & Fr Sean