

Dear Parishioners

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Once again, we find ourselves in lockdown, and our regular Masses suspended. It feels like it has been very abrupt this time as we only knew on Saturday evening and we were already closed on Monday because of the heating technicians replacing our broken system.

Unlike the last lockdown, we are allowed to open for private prayer and will do this three times a week once the heating is replaced. Unfortunately, Mercia Gas are facing a delay on the materials needed and were not able to start this week as planned. They have now informed us that they will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November as they will not work on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> as we have a funeral.

At present our plans to open for private prayer are:

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 – 11.30
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 – 11.30
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 – 10.30
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 – 10.30
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.30 – 11.30
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 – 10.30
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 – 10.30
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 – 11.30
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30 – 10.30

If lockdown finishes on 2<sup>nd</sup> December as promised, we will have Mass again on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and return to our usual four Masses a week after that. Let's pray that the lockdown does not need to last longer and that we can gather again for Mass.

Please don't forget to contact the sisters on 02476 612193 or 07706 400871 if you are able to **steward or clean for one of our Christmas Masses**. As explained in last week's newsletter, we can only have the number of Masses that we have cleaners for, so that we leave the church sanitized before others come in.

May God bless you all and keep us all safe until we meet again in December,

*Fr George*