

SUSPENSION OF THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

Following public health and government advice about “social distancing” and “self-isolation”, the Bishops of Scotland have taken the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the public celebration of Mass until further notice.

In keeping with this advice there will be no public Mass in Sacred Heart and the church will be closed until we are told that it is safe to resume the regular celebration of public Masses and the normal schedule. The suspension is, therefore, likely to last for several weeks, including over Easter, which means there will be no public celebration of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

In their statement the bishops have made it clear that while these measures are in place there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

This Sunday, 22nd March, Mother’s Day, has been declared a National Day of Prayer, when we are called upon to say the Rosary at 12 noon in our own homes, asking for the prayers of Our Blessed Lady, that we be delivered from the scourge of the Coronavirus and that those working to care for the sick and the vulnerable will be kept safe and well.

As this is a fast developing and continually changing situation, please look out for news about new measures which are taken to help keep harm to a minimum and in due course, please God, information about things getting back to normal.

The priests, like everyone else have been told to comply with the advice on social distancing and where necessary self-isolation. However, all the priests will, as far as possible endeavour to respond to emergencies.

In emergencies please call the parish on 0141 554 0806 or one of the other local parishes.

Please check the website of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and the links it provides to other information and advice at www.rcag.org.uk