

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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Dear Parishioners,

If you haven't heard already, I'm really sorry to have to inform you that due to the restrictions that will come into force on Thursday 5th November we will have to close our church once again for public worship. This means that we will not be able to offer public Masses in our church until after 2nd December when, hopefully, we can open our doors once again for the celebration of Mass.

It is really a tragic decision for us that the government have made. Our parishes have followed the government guidelines totally and have worked so hard to ensure that our churches are safe places for people to meet in for worship. It now appears to be so unfair that we are classified alongside pubs and restaurants as being risky places. The decision has upset me and many other people deeply.

One redeeming factor, perhaps, is that we are able to open our churches for private prayer. We will certainly be doing this. These are the times for private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday to Thursday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

Friday from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

Sunday from 11.00am to 2.00pm

I sincerely hope that you might be able to take advantage of these opportunities from time to time especially during the month of November when we especially pray for the repose of the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please join me in prayer with the intention that we will be able to open our churches as soon as possible and that we will be able to celebrate Christmas together as a parish community. Let us continue to pray for one another.

May God bless you all,

Fr John.

P.S. I have limited ability to keep in touch with parishioners at the moment so please pass messages on to other people and do give a call from time to time.