

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, all churches in our Diocese have been closed and all Masses and services cancelled. This is the case not only in our Diocese but throughout many parts of the world. This is a Lenten fast that none of us were expecting. It is important to say that though church buildings are closed, the church remains very much present through all of us who form the Body of Christ. The church is in your homes through your presence, church is in our health care facilities where many of you are serving with dedication, the church is present through our united spirit of prayer. We your priests will continue to offer Mass on our own, but keeping all of your our parishioners in our heart and prayer.

In this time of emptiness, we are all invited to use this time for deeper prayer, extra time of silence and good spiritual reading. Also, we are all encouraged to keep in contact by phone or social media with family, friends, neighbours and parishioners. Especially to be aware of any with special needs.

Though the church and office are closed, we will be responding to phone messages and emails. If you have any questions, concerns or needs, feel free to contact us. I will post any new information or updates on our parish web site.

As Catholics we should strive to be a model of patience, concern for others, responsible behaviour, and trust in God.

I will be missing you all when I celebrate Mass this coming Sunday. I look forward to the day when we will be able to joyfully gather again to celebrate the Eucharist in our church as the People of God. God bless