

1st April 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you all at this horrific time in the world's history. I have not sent to you sooner as our Parish Secretary Louise; her husband Nick is critically ill in hospital and so I ask you to pray for him and all the family.

Waking up each morning is like having been in a nightmare. However we, thanks to modern technology, can still keep in touch with the church (go via Google to Pope Francis, Northampton Cathedral Mass, streaming from Chesham and Gerrards Cross and many other churches) and with one another (phone and e-mail). It is a challenge to us all to renew our ways of praying and most of all to know something of God's love for us and how he will bring good out of the evil of this plague. Perhaps we are also learning the importance of silence, of noticing the small needs of those around us and of appreciating solitude as opposed to isolation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. I will be celebrating, on my own of course in an empty church, the various services: Maundy Thursday 8:30pm, Good Friday 3.00pm, The Easter Vigil and Mass 8:30pm and Easter Sunday morning at 11.00am but you may prefer to take part in the streaming from our own cathedral with our new Bishop David.

So do keep in touch and pray for those who are helping on the front line and make this last part of Lent a renewal of faith and trust in the God who died for us on the cross but who rose from the dead to unite us all in his love.

My love to you all.

Father Ken