



**Newsletter for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 4/5 July**

Dear All,

**Mass in Church again 4/5 July.** Attending my local Deanery meeting via Zoom this week, I found myself well briefed on what is happening in local parishes to begin Celebration of Mass in Churches this weekend. It is a mixed picture, with a common theme: the need for more volunteers to help not only with preparation for the Services, but also the necessary “cleansing” after each one.

I found myself thinking of you and the fact that some of you use Churches that are not your own, and depend on the hospitality of the Parish Priest and his parishioners. I think it would be good to be briefed and to advise your Community, that there will be a need to support local arrangements. **The Archdiocese is providing guidance via the Vicar General, Canon Stephen Wright, and of course the Government has produced guidelines to be found at gov.uk** for Church services beginning this weekend. See COVID-19 : Guidance for safe use of places of worship from 4 July. The Archdiocese will be following these guidelines, and I recommend, especially if you come from outside the Diocese, that you visit the Diocesan website for details, so that you can advise your Community on matters re distancing, wearing of masks, taking Holy Communion, and Confessions, of course.

**Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford 5 July, Special Commemoration Online 3pm** Father Jeremy Howard has kindly put me in the picture re a “Commemoration” Service at 3pm on Sunday. He writes:

“Although the annual pilgrimage to Hednesford will not take place this year, we invite you to come online to join Fr Jeremy Howard, Fr Peter Weatherby, Deacon Peter and parishioners from Hednesford and Cannock for the Rosary (Glorious Mysteries) and Shrine Prayers.

The Rosary, prayers and a message from Bishop David McGough will be on the parish facebook - Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford website – [olohednesford.org](http://olohednesford.org) and also on the Diocesan website and Facebook page on Sunday 5 July at 3 pm.”

Please let your people know, so that they can join in the Rosary at that time.

**A Short Break.** I am planning to be away next week. So, I will not be sending you a Newsletter or my Homily Resource on Friday coming.

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This week, the usual **Reflection for the 14<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year** is attached and will be on the website, together with the vlog “The Burning Bush” at the Chaplaincy Website “Our Lady of Good Counsel : Ethnic Chaplaincies”.

Prayers and Best Wishes

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