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**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**  
**Feast of Christ The King**

**Following Government legislation there can be no public worship from 3/11/20 to 2/12/20**

Fr. Jim will celebrate private Masses during lockdown and these will be streamed through the usual link  
<https://www.facebook.com/StAnneandHolyfamily/>

**There will be one Mass streamed each week as follows:**

**Sunday 22/11 – 10.00 am Bronwen Bailey (Holy Family)**  
**Sunday 29/11 – 10.00 am Josephine Griffin (Westby)**

If you would like a Mass to be said, please let Father Jim know. There are plenty of spaces at the moment.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:**

During this latest lockdown period Holy Family church will be open on Tuesday 11am - 12 noon; Thursday 6pm - 7pm; and Saturday 10am - 11am.

We really need to pray earnestly at this time of confusion, stress and turbulence!

**CONFESSIONS:** Are available by appointment with social distancing; and during private prayer times.

Below is the statement from the Catholic Bishops' Conference. On Wednesday Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until **Wednesday, 2 December**.

*"These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.*

*Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law:"*

The full Bishops' statement can be accessed through this link:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-four-week-national-lockdown-and-a-call-to-prayer/>

**Penitential Service in Advent:** A penitential service will take place in both churches during Advent with social distancing observed. The dates and times will be announced nearer Advent. Father Jim is always available for private confession in Holy Family Church on Tuesdays between 11am & 12 noon, Thursdays between 6pm & 7pm, and Saturdays between 10am & 11am, plus 6pm just before 6.30pm Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful sacrament, please take advantage of it!

**Something to make us smile!**

No nativity this year because the 3 wise men face a travel ban. The shepherds have been furloughed, the innkeeper has shut under lockdown regulations and had a slump in bookings, and Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen. As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test. (Thank you Anne-Marie!)

**Congregation: 234 views on line**

For those who contribute via envelopes please continue to put your offering in them each week and keep them in a safe place, until the time comes that we resume Public Masses. The easiest way to contribute to the parish is to set up a Standing Order/Gift Aid Form

**Cafod** have sent a 'thank you' for the £285 collected for Family Fast Day

**Anniversaries :** Gabriel Baines, William Hogarth, Oliver James Gillett, George Marsden, Tim Howe, Josephine Cardwell, Mary Cowban, Elizabeth Mary Bond, John Benson, Kenneth Thomas, Bronwen Bailey

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Betty Robertson, Des Connolly, Tony Flanigan, Marie Foster, George Hopwood, Jo Dearlove, Sharon Noye,

**Parish Zoom rosary on Thursday evenings at 6pm.**

Anyone wishing to join should e mail [jane.mrobinson@virginmedia.com](mailto:jane.mrobinson@virginmedia.com) Jane will then send out the Zoom invitation to you. You simply click on the link and follow the onscreen instructions to join the meeting on Thursday at 6pm. We will say one decade of the rosary together -- anyone who wants to stay and chat is welcome, Jane will close the link down at 7pm latest.

**Below are extracts from Cardinal Nichols's letter:**

**Pathway of Prayer and Service** is the Royal Road we are to take as a gracious witness to society today.

**Daily Prayer** Cardinal Nichols has suggested a shared moment of national prayer at 6pm each day and for us to observe 21 November the Feast of Christ the King as a day of prayer for ending the pandemic.

**Service** keep in touch, offer practical support in ways that we can to those who are vulnerable, struggling, lonely.

**First Holy Communion:**

The Holy Communion preparation has been suspended at church. Mrs Holden will prepare all candidates within school adhering to COVID safety regulations. The date for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation has been cancelled due to lockdown. The original date of First Holy Communion (19/20 Dec) will be reviewed nearer the time. If places of worship have been opened by then, Fr Jim would like the children to make their First Holy Communion on the original date.

Now that Harvest Fast Day is over, you may wish to support **CAFOD's** latest campaign, [Messages to the Brave](https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave) and send Christmas cards to those putting their lives on the line to stand up for environmental and social justice in the face of oppression. Stand with CAFOD partners in their struggles for peace and human rights. If interested please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave> for more information. Physical cards need to be received by CAFOD by the 7th December. Thank you.

**Please note that Bryning Lane from Wrea Green to Warton will be resurfaced and the road will be closed 9am to 5pm daily until 4<sup>th</sup> December.**