

Parish Finances: Presently, thanks to your generosity, our finances are healthy and our expenses are reduced. Some have asked about receiving the new issue of envelopes and others about standing orders. If anyone would like either of these arranged, please feel free to contact Fr. Peter by email or phone and we can make specific arrangements with you. We very much appreciate that this is not an easy time for many.

Further to the above the diocese has introduced a brand-new facility which can enable you can find on the Homepage of the Diocesan website (<https://www.rcdop.org.uk/>). This is an easy, swift and safe method of payment. It allows you to make one off or recurring donations, and if you are a taxpayer to Gift Aid your contributions making it worth 25% more at no extra cost. All your donations will be paid weekly to our parish.

Spiritual Bouquet: Our Diocese would like to present a spiritual bouquet to the local hospitals in our diocese to thank them for their hard work and to let them know that we are supporting and praying for them. If you wish to join this spiritual bouquet the link below will take you to the diocesan web page where you can decide what and how many prayers you would like to offer in this bouquet. The total number would then be collated and a presentation made to the hospitals in a few weeks' time. <https://rcdop.org.uk/nhs-care-workers-spiritual-bouquet>.

Reopening of Churches: The Bishops' Conference have issued a series of documents which will govern our procedures for reopening our church and the resumption of public worship. These documents together with a letter from the eight bishops of Scotland can be found on their website: www.bcos.org.uk (click on Covid-19).

All parishes have been advised to begin preparations for our churches opening., although we do not have dates yet. Our Parish Pastoral Council met, via Zoom, during the week to start the ball rolling.

Part of our preparations would mean gathering a list of people who will be willing and able to help steward whenever the church is open, prepare for its opening and clean it after each time it is open. We would be grateful for volunteers to help in this regard. It is important that those who do so are in as low a risk as possible. This means for us following the present advice. Firstly, this means that volunteers must be under 70 years of age. This may be disappointing for some who do and would like to help with these tasks and we are sorry about that. Also those who have been advised, of whatever age, because of health issues, to be careful should not volunteer either.

If you are between the ages of 18-70 and would like to volunteer to help, please e-mail or Fr. Peter at: ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk or telephone 01505 862471 with your name and contact details. Thank you.

Please pray for the sick:

Shannon Morrison, Anna Boyle, Ian Watson, Mavis McCann, Frank McGarry, George Henderson, Mary Beaton, Mary Gildea, Wiktorina Zubek, Gary Torrance, Emma McSkeane, Rachel Shiels, Fr. Jim O'Brien, Neil Ferry, Paul Rob, Betty Glancy, David Gisbey, all those who are seriously ill as a result of the coronavirus, their loved ones and all who care for them.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

David Booth, James Fryars, Frank O'Neill, Bill Watt and all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus in the past week.

Live Streaming of Mass from St Johns, Port Glasgow on Sunday 7th June 2020

Fr Peter will celebrate Sunday mass at 10am from St Johns, Port Glasgow. Please follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgL7jNZ3wak>

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