

## Coronavirus 2020

As the Coronavirus spreads across the world, advice received from Church House in Manchester and Lambeth Palace in Westminster is being updated almost daily.

The practical effects of that in the Parish of Tonge Moor are given below:

- 25/26th July     Our two churches reopen for public worship. *Deo Gracias!*
- July 4th         With (again) little notice, the Government permits churches to open for public worship, provided they are made “Covid Secure”.
- 23rd May         Live-streamed mass resume in St Augustine’s.
- 22nd May         Church grounds can again be maintained. Social distancing must be maintained, and shared equipment should be sanitised before and after use.
- 7th May          Clergy are once again allowed to enter their churches for the purpose of prayer and celebrating.
- 24th March       All Church of England churches will close with immediate effect both for public worship and for private prayer  
There will also be no weddings or baptisms  
Funerals may now only happen at the Crematorium or at the graveside. Only immediate family members can attend (if the crematorium allows) – that is, spouse or partner, parents and children, keeping their distance in the prescribed way.
- 20th March       The Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting deferred, and now to take place before 31st October. PCC members will remain in Office until then; Churchwardens will remain in Office until 31st January 2021 and members of the Deanery Synod will remain in Office until 30th October.
- 19th March       Chrism Masses (7th April) cancelled.  
National Pilgrimage to Walsingham (25th May) cancelled
- 17th March:      All public worship suspended.  
Churches kept open for private prayer.  
Daily Mass and Daily Office of Morning and Evening Prayer to be maintained, but not publicly.
- 16th March:      Messy Church, Wednesday Coffee Morning all cancelled until further notice.

- 11th March: Communion in one kind only.  
No physical contact during the Peace or personal blessings.
- 6th March: At the Distribution, the Host is to be placed onto the hand, not into the mouth.
- 1st Feb 2020: Parishioners with coughs and sneezes should refrain from clasping hands during the Peace and receive Communion in one kind only. Priests presiding at the Eucharist, Eucharistic Assistants and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser. Intinction is strongly discouraged.