

Dear parishioners,

You will have heard the latest announcement from Boris Johnson, which includes the closure of churches for collective worship from Thursday, 5th November. However, no data has been published to justify this.

We have been asked by Church leaders to contact our local MPs to ask them to raise this when new legislation is discussed in Parliament tomorrow. Although it is a very short time-frame, if you are able to lobby your MPs, please do so and urge them to press the Government to publish this data.

The Mass is central to our faith and the well-being of our community. The benefits of attending Mass need to be weighed against the potential risks, especially as we have gone to great lengths to follow Government guidelines on social distancing and hygiene, including the recruitment of volunteer stewards and the purchase of protective and sanitising equipment to clean the churches after every Mass.

Please do all you can to help. Further details on opening for prayer will follow as soon as possible. Do let us know if you or anyone you know needs anything.

May God bless you and keep you safe and well.