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Dear Friends

The news concerning the spread of the virus continues to get worse. The rates of infection here in Formby, according to Government data, is extremely high. We all knew just how contagious this new variant of the virus is, but the rapid spread has surprised us.

I am sure, therefore, that it comes as no surprise that both Our Lady's church and St Jerome's church are now closed for communal worship. In his New Year message to his Priests, the Archbishop asked us to take careful note of the deteriorating situation and to consider again the safety of our people and our volunteers. It is clear that the situation will get worse before it gets better. So it could be some weeks before we can reopen.

In the meantime, we shall return to live streamed Masses. I will live stream Mass each Sunday at 10.00am starting this Sunday, and on Wednesdays at 12 Noon. We will review all our electronic resources and outreach to make sure that we offer as much help and encouragement as possible. I will be updating you all in my weekly letter and if there is anything we can do, please let us know.

On a final note, just two requests.. that we pray very much for each other. Also, that we don't forget those most in need of a word of comfort, shopping, a listening ear. Now, more than ever, we need each other to get through this final effort before the vaccine brings us, with God's help, into a better and brighter time.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Father John



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