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Dear Parishioners of St Jerome's and St Anne's

During the celebration of our Masses last weekend, I spoke of impending changes to the way we worship. Those changes have just been announced by the Catholic bishops of England and Wales. All public worship in our churches must now cease. This new arrangement will continue until further notice. The rapidly falling number of those attending our Masses and services in the past few days have shown that people have already made these difficult decisions themselves.

How are we to face these difficult days? Last weekend, I asked all those at Mass to create some space and quiet for prayer at home. Liturgical celebrations are no longer our focus for the foreseeable future. The Lord is very close to each one of us at this time.

We must now turn our attention to the elderly and vulnerable. We all know at least some people who are going to be very vulnerable in the weeks ahead. The parish administrator will shortly send an e mail to all whose email address we have, to ask people to form small groups (by email or phone) in different parts of the parishes to locate those most in need. He will also be sending links to spiritual resources and live stream Masses and services.

If anyone has any particular concerns, or need help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office by phone or by email on the following:

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The parish website can be found here; www.stjeromeandstanne.org

The parish phone and e mails are checked regularly throughout the day.

Let us pray for each other and take care to follow the advice given to us by the authorities. Above all, let us place our trust in the Lord morning hi never abandons His people.

St Jerome and St Anne, pray for us.

God bless you.

Father John



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