

**1. Funeral Masses**

**Until further notice, there will not be a funeral service or Mass in any church in this diocese. There will be a funeral service of committal at the graveside. It is a decision that has been taken in the interest of saving lives and keeping people safe. The funeral Mass for someone who has died will be arranged for a later date when the priest will celebrate the Mass privately or with family and friends of the deceased after the pandemic has passed.**

**2. Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation**

**Confession to a priest can be arranged on request, while respecting social distancing and any other advice issued by the PHA regarding the reduction in the spread of coronavirus.**

**The bishop has also given permission for general absolution in the case of grave necessity or in e.g. hospital ward or similar circumstances where patients are infected with coronavirus and in danger of death.**

**3. Penitential Service**

**We plan to have a penitential service here in the church on Palm Sunday at 4pm. This Service will be streamed on the parish webcam. The prayers and reflections and examination of conscience are now available on the parish website. Pope Francis has made clear that when people cannot access confession, they are to make an act of sorrow after an examination of conscience, be truly committed to avoiding sin and living a Christian life, and having the intention of going to confession as soon as possible. Having confessed in this way, the Pope says the person will be forgiven by God for all their sins no matter how serious.**

**4. Holy Week Ceremonies**

**The times of all our Holy Week Ceremonies are in the parish bulletin on our website.**