

Dear Members,

I hope that you are well and are adapting to the change of lifestyle that we are all experiencing.

The online resources available to us continue to expand and I hope will compensate in part for our being unable to go to Mass or to attend the Holy Week liturgies.

So here is another edition of our selection of Online Resources. There are lots of new items so do take a close look!

We hope that you will find this Briefing useful and we wish you and your families a blessed Holy Week and Eastertide.

### **BBC EASTER BROADCASTING**

The BBC will be broadcasting the Pope's *Urbi et Orbi* address from Rome on Easter Sunday on BBC1 at 11am (UK time).

In addition, the BBC's 39 Local Radio stations will be broadcasting **Cardinal Vincent Nichols's Easter Sunday Mass** at 8am.

You may also be interested in **The Passion in Plants**, broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.45am from Monday to Friday in Holy Week which is about the traditions of British wild plants associated with the events of Holy Week or **Meditations from a Monastery**, part of the Slow Radio series every night this week on Radio 3 at 10.45pm.

The **Director-General of the BBC** replied to a letter from the Catholic Union about broadcasting the Mass on TV or Radio and the reply can be read [here](#).

### **HOLY MASS ONLINE**

Many churches are live streaming daily Mass and other devotions and talks and retreats etc. Diocesan website will have their own listings. [This website](#) lists many churches in the UK and Ireland that are live streaming their Mass online.

There is live streaming of Traditional Latin Liturgy especially over Easter from the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter in Warrington from their website: <https://fssp.co.uk/warrington/>

Easter Services in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are being live streamed and full details can be found [here](#). The situation in the Holy Land is very difficult indeed at the moment and the Friends of the Holy Land have launched a special appeal called the Pentecost Challenge. See <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>.

Bishop Barron, creator of the Catholicism series and Word on Fire is providing live streamed Daily Mass: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>.

Here are some other websites with links to various churches providing streaming of Mass online: [Mass online daily](#).

[Masses and Prayer Resources online](#).

Members may also like to be aware of the Catholic TV station [EWTN](#) and the very wide range of services available daily from the Shrine of Our Lady at [Walsingham](#).

UK Catholic Radio is also available at [Radio Maria England](#) and [Heavens Road](#) FM.

### **PRAYERS and DEVOTIONS**

#### Special Indulgences

Due to the extreme effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father has issued special indulgences for the faithful. These are special graces given by the Church in this time of suffering. Please see the **Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic, 20-03-2020** from the Vatican website [here](#).

#### Novena in honour of the Rededication of England to Our Lady on Sunday 29 March

Following the Rededication of England as Our Lady's Dowry on 29 March when 530,000 people tuned in to watch, there is now a novena in honour of Our Lady of **Walsingham** in thanksgiving for the **Rededication** at the end of each Mass in Walsingham until the coronavirus is over. See [here](#).

The Shrine stream all their services on: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>.

#### New Good Friday Prayer

The Vatican has asked priests around the world to recite a new prayer during this year's Good Friday liturgy and has also proposed that priests celebrate a votive Mass "specifically to implore God to end this pandemic. See [here](#).

#### Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral Letter

Cardinal Vincent Nichols's Pastoral letter dated 22 March in response to the Coronavirus can be read [here](#). The letter includes a beautiful prayer to one's Guardian Angel for those who cannot attend Holy Mass. The Cardinal has also recommended Christian Art Today as a prayer resource during this crisis: <https://www.christianart.today/index.php>. Christian Art Today also features the story of [Holy Week told through 100 paintings](#).

#### Churches Together in England Resources

Churches Together in England have produced a collection of prayer and other resources. See [here](#).

#### Ecumenical Prayers

Here is a collection of prayers related to Covid-19 from churches around the world kindly supplied by one of our members: click [here](#).

#### The Shroud of Turin

The Archdiocese of Turin is to live stream the display of the Shroud of Turin on Holy Saturday with a service of prayer at 5pm (local time). See <https://www.diocesi.torino.it/> (in Italian, look for "Sindone" which means "Shroud").

#### The Wintershall Passion

Wintershall will be streaming a short film on Good Friday at 12 and 3pm using pre-recorded clips, without an audience, from the Wintershall Passion and the One Good Friday cities and towns. There will be messages from both Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Jo Bailey Wells, as well as interviews with the Wintershall team. See <https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay/> on Friday 10 April.

#### The Crown of Thorns

[Notre-Dame Cathedral will be broadcasting the veneration of the Crown of Thorns on Good Friday](#)

#### Other prayer resources:

In addition to its online edition, **Magnificat** is now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps. Register for free App access at [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free) (English).

As ever [Universalis](#) which provides daily Mass readings is free. Another useful resource is Pray As You Go: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer/2020-04-06>

#### Online Retreats and Courses

The **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** (in the USA) are live-streaming adoration, music, preaching, and prayer on <https://www.facebook.com/friarsoftherenewal/>.

Fr Samuel Medley SOLT is giving an online retreat for Holy Week starting Palm Sunday and finishing on Easter Sunday: <https://ourladyofcorpuschristi.org/>.

There is also a useful series of videos available at [Lent in Isolation](#).

### **NEWS, LECTURES AND CULTURE**

#### Catholic News Services

You can sign up for a daily newsletter from the [Catholic Herald](#).

Scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe to [Zenit's daily or weekly news](#).

Independent Catholic News also has regular email updates, [sign up here](#).

#### Together for the Common Good

This Easter Newsletter from the NGO "Together for the Common Good" is packed with resources, links and useful commentary on the impact of Covid-19 on our social and political life: click [here](#).

#### Go on a Virtual Pilgrimage!

Have you had to cancel a pilgrimage or other trip abroad? Virtual Tours are available of the Vatican, Jerusalem, Compostela, Jordan, Texas(!), Ireland and Orkney. See [here](#).

#### Online Lectures

[Gresham College](#) founded in 1597 offers free lectures to the public on a wide variety of subjects including Divinity. The current lecturer is Alec Ryrie but the website contains an archive of many previous lectures (text and video).

For those interested in Catholic history, there are audio recordings of talks given to the **English Catholic History Association** at <http://www.echa.org.uk>. See "What's Happened" and "Listen".

**Fr Marcus Holden** and Art Historian **Teresa Lane** are providing a series of free online talks: **Divinitas: The Art of Faith**: An introduction to the Catholic Creed using video commentary and art. Available from the [Divinitas Website](#). Or from [YouTube](#).

The Dominican Thomistic Institute in the US is offering a series of "Quarantine Lectures": <https://thomisticinstitute.org/quarantine-lectures>

#### Some other Cultural offerings online:

The **National Theatre**: <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>.

The **Royal Opera House**: <https://www.roh.org.uk/streaming>.

There is a large selection of **classical music** free online here: <http://www.classical-music.com/concertlivestreams>.

On Good Friday, the renowned choral group "**The Sixteen**" will be making available a performance of **Sir James Macmillan's** *Stabat Mater* recorded live in the Sistine Chapel on 22 April 2018. See their Facebook page or website ([www.thesixteen.com](http://www.thesixteen.com)).

Classical Virtuoso Tenor **Andrea Bocelli**, known for his "Sacred Arias" to live stream "[Music For Hope](#)" from Milan's Historic Duomo, 6 pm UK Time on Easter Sunday.

**DO LET US KNOW OF OTHER RESOURCES WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS!**