

Letter to parishioners of St.Dominic's community via our schools

March 19 2020 – the Feast of St.Joseph

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am taking this opportunity before our schools close tomorrow to send you this letter in case it becomes difficult for us to contact each other afterwards. You will all be well aware by now that public services in church are being suspended by our Bishops' Conference until further notice and this is a huge sadness for all of us. Never in my 45 years of being a priest did I foresee a Sunday when I would not be able to celebrate Mass with my people. Masses will be said in private each day and our churches will be open for people to come and pray – from 9.00am-6.00pm in Hinckley and at times to be arranged in Earl Shilton and Market Bosworth. The easiest way for us to communicate with each other will be via the parish website – www.stdominicsteamministryleics.com – and Michelle Mayer has kindly agreed to do this for us. Go on the website and click on the Coronavirus folder for the latest news. It will be updated as often as possible and I will write a fuller letter detailing how we are going to try and manage at the weekend. Please do not go onto the individual parish websites as they will not have the information and the Hinckley one is still attributed to Terry Coyle, who died recently and this is very upsetting for his family. There will be many details this weekend about all sorts of matters, which we will publish after consultation and I urge you to keep looking at the site. I will also leave some written information in the church porches for those who do not have access to the internet. You may contact me via our email address – hinckleypriory@gmail.com or by phone – 01455 634443 and mobile 07826 821214 – if you have any questions, information and of course in an emergency. I do not propose to lock myself in the Priory but to continue to look after people where necessary and safe, especially of course our dear Fr.Terry.

I pray that we will all keep strong, be responsible especially when shopping, look after each other and keep praying. I will certainly pray for you all every day.

With kindest regards,

Father Frank