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## Re: LiturgyHelp Resources during COVID 19 Pandemic

Hello everyone

Irrespective of the nature of your affiliation with the Church, this message is for you. In this COVID-19 pandemic many are feeling extremely isolated. Health, general wellbeing and financial security are threatened. At these times we can be pushed to ponder the deeper questions about life and meaning, and may go in search for God and prayer.

As advised in Bishop Bill's [Pastoral Letter](#), nearly all public liturgy is cancelled. The accompanying [appendix](#) suggests ways we can continue to pray as individuals and small groups. To support us in this, **LiturgyHelp is making available to everyone a range of resources through a simple login process described in the accompanying document found [here](#).** The resources available include:

- daily Missal texts
- Sunday Prayer Services (Liturgy of the Word and weekly prayer sheets)
- Sunday and Special Feasts Scripture Commentary
- Sunday and Special Feasts Homily and Reflection
- Sunday Universal Prayer
- general prayer – traditional, prayers to our Lady and litanies
- Sunday Prayer of the Church (Divine Office) from 29 March (morning and evening prayer)

As a recipient of this email I encourage you to:

- forward this email through your networks as widely as possible
- print resources and share them with people who do not have internet access
- use these resources as a way of remaining in touch and supporting: children in the now cancelled sacramental program, RCIA catechumens, elect and candidates, regular Sunday worshippers, regular participants in Children's Liturgy, the sick and housebound
- print resources and leave hard copies in the Church for people who do not have internet access
- be creative in sharing access to these resources.

Whatever challenges we face in the social and economic impact of COVID-19, including for some the significant loss of access to the rites of the Church, we are also presented with an opportunity to focus on the Word of God and pray as individuals, families and small groups with that Word.

LiturgyHelp staff have been working almost 24/7 since Monday to set up this new section of their website. So, thank you Patrick, Clair and all your team.

As Bishop Bill indicated in his Pastoral Letter, it is up to local communities – local parishes and schools and other groups – to continue to care for and support members of the community. I hope these resources assist you all with this.

May we continue to pray with and for each other as we find new ways to be supportive and kind.

With my thanks to you for spreading this word.



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