



**Important Amendment to the Bishop's Letter  
Sent Last Night to all the Clergy of the Diocese of Nottingham - 23/3/2020  
Concerning the Prime Ministers Statement to the Nation - 23/3/2020**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Following the PM's statement last night when he said that all places of worship were to close, **it appears from the further written directive, attached as a web link pdf, and which can also be accessed from the web link below, that our churches may remain open for 'solitary prayer' (see page 4), but are closed for public worship.** Please ensure that you reflect this important detail in everything you communicate to your parishioners and I would ask that all Area Deans ensure please that this clarification has been received by all your local clergy later this morning.

**Web link to further written directive:**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874732/230320 - Revised guidance note - finalVF.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874732/230320_-_Revised_guidance_note_-_finalVF.pdf)

I will seek clarification as to what we may actually do with regard to Funerals, and get back to you as soon as possible. Meanwhile please contact the Funeral Director if you have a Funeral arranged.

Thank you for everything you are doing in these challenging times to stay in communication with those to whom you minister. Do all you can to support them in prayer.

With prayer,

+ Patrick

**Right Reverend Patrick McKinney  
Bishop of Nottingham**