

## **Last Wednesday we received an update on the representation the Archbishops have been making on our behalf to the Government. Statement from Bishops on: "Our plan to Rebuild - The UK Government's Covid-19 Recover Strategy"**

The following statement has been released from the Bishops' Conference regarding the Government's Covid-19 recovery strategy.

*"The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this. The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship.*

*In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship."*

### **Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home**

*If you would like to share the readings of Sunday Mass, along with some prayers and thoughts to go with them, please click on [The Lord's Day at Home](#) below.*

If you would like to say the prayers along with the livestream of Mass, the Lord's Day at Home resource can help you. [You can find this week's resource by clicking here.](#)

### **As you know, many charities are struggling and holding out their hands for your generosity. I've been asked to bring your attention to one very local, in Nelson.**

The emergency food distribution centre, based across the road from Holy Saviour's, which helps people in serious need, urgently needs donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, cordials (blackcurrent and orange) and toilet rolls. If you can help, please leave your donations at The Zone on Wednesday between 10.00am and noon.