

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Things are moving quickly and rules and regulations are changing with them. We had hoped to be one of the first parishes to open a church for private prayer, last Monday, but only four days previously we were sent an incredible amount of information and regulations which were impossible to comply with in time. The volunteers who came forward to help us to open are working hard to comply with these requirements and the training and registration which is needed. We now hope to open Sacred Heart church for private prayer from Monday 29th July for at least an hour and a half each day, Monday to Friday. Once we have the experience of having one church in the area open, we will look to extend this to Nelson if we can get sufficient volunteers for cleaning and stewarding.

Here are a couple of resources which the diocese have sent to us.

Phased Reopening of Churches for Private Prayer

A page has been created on the diocesan website to inform you, your stewards and parishioners and visitors about the phased reopening of churches for private prayer from 15 June. The page contains a helpful short video, opening times for those churches currently open and a list of most Frequently Asked Questions. The link below will take you directly to the page:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/covid19/private-prayer-opening/>

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

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 Lord's Day at Home here](#).