



St. Mary of the Assumption R.C. Church

St. Mary's Presbytery, Linlithgow Road, Bo'ness, EH51 0DP

Parish Priest: Rev. Andrew Forrest

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Dear friend,

In recent days and weeks, the word "unprecedented" has been used often. It seems a fitting way to describe the current situation, with the present lockdown in place to protect us all from the Coronavirus pandemic.

This meant the closure of our churches as we approached the pinnacle of our Church's calendar at Easter. Nevertheless, we recognise that the truth of Christ's resurrection brings us hope, and for this reason we were keen to write to you to wish you a very happy and blessed Easter!

In many ways, our celebration of Easter mirrors that of the apostles so many years ago. After Jesus' death they were fearful and locked themselves away, not emerging to spread the Good News until Pentecost. May we all, therefore, look forward to the day when we too can gather together again to hear the Good News proclaimed at Mass, and celebrate the sacraments together once more.

We would also like to assure you that we continue to be available should you have any questions or need any support. You can reach out to us using the following contact details:

Father Forrest

Parish Priest

Contact for pastoral support or guidance, or if someone is seriously ill and requires a priest, or to arrange a funeral service.

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Contact for questions about our live stream and digital ministry, for pastoral support, or practical assistance such as deliveries of essential items.

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We continue to broadcast our services live online. Sunday Mass is broadcast weekly at 10am, and some additional services or reflections are available live each week too. You can find out more by heading to www.rcboness.org/live or by following the parish Facebook page at www.facebook.com/catholicboness

In addition to joining our services live online, you can also join in prayer. When we are unable to attend Mass, we are encouraged to make acts of Spiritual Communion. We have also been encouraged by the Archbishop to pray the Memorare daily to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, seeking her intercession and an end to this pandemic:

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may
unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

Based on a prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled
to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought
thine intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word
Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in thy clemency hear and answer me.
Amen

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Pray for us.

Finally, if you have an email address we would be very grateful if you would share this with us, to help us keep in touch in the most effective manner possible. Simply email info@rcboness.org with your name and email address and we will update our records.

Please be assured of our prayers and very best wishes, and do not hesitate to contact us if you feel we can be of any help or assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Andrew Forrest
Parish Priest



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