



SAFEGUARDING

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**.

Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley:

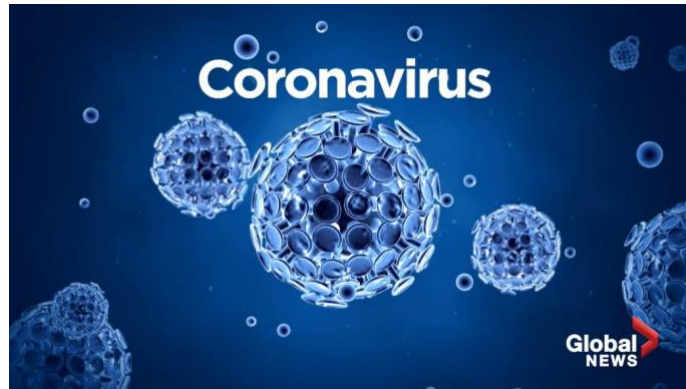
IICSA Update

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to. Even so, words are not enough.

We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again. The diocesan response to the report can be found at

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or via email: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org



The global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fast-evolving situation. We are currently at **Stage 2** of our guidance and our Bishop has asked us to implement the following measures with immediate effect:

- Would all parishioners continue to sanitise their hands with the sanitising gel provided at each entrance of the church.
- Distribution of communion may be restricted to the host being given by the hand only and not the tongue.
- The Chalice will continue to be withdrawn.
- Parishioners will continue our custom of bowing at the sign of peace and should not shake hands.
- Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to sanitise their hands before and after the distributing Holy Communion.
- Holy water Stoups are removed.
- Those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.
- The use of shared hymn books and missals which could help transmit the virus may not be used.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending liturgical, public events and are not to attend the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession) if symptomatic (A person may just have an ordinary cold but it's important to ensure a precautionary approach).
- Our after Mass coffees will be suspended.
- The Collection bags will not be passed from person to person.