

**Information letter from the pastoral team regarding  
the measures taken because of the corona virus  
for the Catholic Churches in Leiden - March 13, 2020**

**Saturday evening and Sunday celebrations**

Until March 31, for all the Catholic churches anywhere in the country there are no Masses of other celebrations on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

The bishops point to the possibility of following the Eucharist on television , radio or social media.

Where it is really not possible to celebrate Mass in this way, the Sunday obligation is lifted.

On Sunday the following churches are open for personal silent prayer:

- \* the Hartebrugkerk from 11 am to 4 pm
- \* Heilige Lodewijkkerk from 2 pm to 4 pm for eucharistic Adoration

NB: the priests celebrate the Sunday Masses privately

**Mass on weekdays**

These are reduced to

- the day masses in the **Lodewijk** church (Mon 9 am, Tue 7 pm, Wed 9 am, Thu 7 pm, Fri 7 pm and Sat. 9:30 am)
- the Thursday mass in the **Hartebrug** church at 12.30 pm.

The following applies to Adoration and especially to the week masses:

- \* These are intended for regular visitors and not as a substitute for Sunday mass.
- \* Do not sit close together.
- \* If you belong to a risk group or show mild symptoms of illness (esp. coughing and sneezing) do NOT come to adoration and week masses!

**Funerals**

**With a small group**, a prayer service is possible in the churches or auditoriums of the cemetery and / or prayer at the grave / in the auditorium of the crematorium.

The Mass for the deceased is read "privately" by a priest and as soon as it is possible again a Requiem Mass can be read.

Regarding planned **Baptisms and Weddings**, the deacon or priest will contact you.

## **The elderly and the sick**

We will of course continue to look after each other. Especially now that we do not meet in church on Sunday, it can be very welcome contacting each other and asking if help is needed somewhere.

## **Others meetings**

The bishops discourage all other gatherings, such as drinking coffee after celebrations, choir rehearsals and catechetical meetings ... That is also adhered to in our parish and so there are no 1st Communion and Confirmation preparations, etc. You will hear in due course when everything is continued.

Finally, the bishops ask the parish to say the following prayer:

*God, refuge in our need,  
strength in our despair and fear,  
comfort in sickness and suffering.  
Be near and merciful to us, your people,  
now that we are all experiencing the consequences  
of the erupted corona virus.*

*Be a Guardian to them  
who have this virus.  
We pray for them for hope and healing.  
We pray for those affected by the effects of this virus  
have died, that they may be home safe with you.  
We pray for all who work  
in health care and public administration,  
that they may experience your nearness and blessing in their work  
at the service of all society.*

*Make us realize how great your love is for each of us  
and that You are with us now that we experience  
the vulnerability of our existence.  
Strengthen our faith and our hope  
so that we always surrender ourselves without hesitation  
to your paternal providence.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

You are invited to say this prayer daily at home or at work at noon. Possibly together with the Angel of the Lord.

In this way we also give one voice from the parish to prayer.

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