



STONYHURST
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Dear members of the Stonyhurst Family,

It is with great regret that we write to advise that the 2020 Easter Retreat is cancelled. You will appreciate the discernment that has led to this decision. Fr Tim and I are mindful of the special place the Easter Retreat has in the lives of many Stonyhurst families across the generations.

The Covid-19 virus brings unprecedented challenges both here at Stonyhurst, across the UK and globally. One constant in the information available is that the pandemic is expected to escalate and that 'social distancing' is a key strategy in containing the impact of this virus. A number of retreatants have been in touch to express concerns and seek advice, especially mindful of the more vulnerable among the retreat.

Alongside this, during the past twenty-four hours there has been an escalation of control measures put in place around the world to the extent that some Stonyhurst pupils cannot now travel home. Therefore, the decision has been taken to keep the College open to these pupils over the Easter holidays.

This combination of wishing to minimise risk to our wider Stonyhurst community whilst also continuing our care of our current Stonyhurst pupils mean that the decision we have taken was the only feasible one in the circumstances.

A full refund will be arranged for each retreatant. If you have paid by bank transfer or cheque, please send us your sort code and account number and we will arrange a refund. If you followed a Worldpay link or paid over the telephone via card to complete payment you will be refunded automatically and no extra information is needed. We will endeavour to make a refund as soon as possible.

We pray for all those affected by this situation.

Wishing you a Holy Easter and we hope to see you in 2021.

Yours sincerely,

John Browne
Headmaster

Tim Curtis SJ
Chaplain

