

COVID 19 (Coronavirus) is a very real threat which is causing many organisations many difficulties. It is also a developing situation which means constant change. I believe this information is correct at the time of going live.
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St. Cuthbert's Care has to concentrate its efforts on its residential services. All PACE groups are suspended.

The Mercy Hub has closed its door for its groups.

SVP Blackfriars and Deaf Centre in Newcastle have also closed however Blackfriars is offering a telephone service to help people as best they can. You can contact them on 0191 261 6027.

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project have also had to temporarily close its doors. However they are searching for ways to continue to help their destitute clients. **NO FOOD DONATIONS CAN NOW BE RECEIVED.** Many of you have supported the project financially. It is vital that this continues as they do wish to keep helping those in most need. Perhaps this could be a timely reminder to those who have set up a standing order and may not have increased your donations over the years to do so now. If you have not been able to donate yet you may do so by Bank transfer – HSBC DHN DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND Sort code: 40-34-18 Account number: 52854058

The volunteers and management committee are truly grateful for the kind support you have offered and look forward to the day when the project can re-open.

Good news. Many of our parishioners are generously offering their time and energy to help our more vulnerable parishioners. Parishes should compile a list of these offers of help and could then link them, with permission, to those in community who are in need.

Some of our parishes have Outreach groups, SVP, Legion of Mary and other such offering help.

COVID Mutual Aid groups are springing up all across the country. These are people who want to do all they can to support their own local communities. There are many of them across the Diocese and they seem to have many volunteers willing to help out. They can be found by using the search facility at www.covidmutualaid.org. Most of the individual groups use Facebook, so you would need to be signed up to this to gain access to the group. They are happy to receive offers of help and to help out people in need.

If you have any updates on things happening locally please contact Fr. Adrian Tuckwell on evcaritas@diocesehn.org.uk