

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2020

UPDATE FROM BISHOP RICHARD AS AT SEPTEMBER 2020

There are a number of Diocesan Collections (in italics below) that have not been taken as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown. In the schedule given below, please note that the Prisoners' Sunday collection is voluntary. The usual collection for the Fund for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese will not be taken, although the customary contributions will be made. The collections for Education of Future Priests and the Retired Priests' Fund are contributions to the parish levy and should be taken.

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has offered the following dates for re-scheduled collections. I am very conscious of the financial pressures on parishes at this time, but would ask you to encourage people to contribute as best they can in the present circumstances.

Appeals by Missionary Congregations have been suspended for the time being, so the World Mission Sunday collection will be the key opportunity this year to support missionary endeavour.

The Day for Life collection is, as you know, very important. Given the likelihood of proposed new legislation on life issues in the next parliamentary year, I would ask you to stress the need for this fund, which supports our national effort in the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Holy Places	13th September
Home Mission	20th September
Education of Future Priests	27th September
Peter's Pence	4th October
CAFOD Family Fast Day	11th October
World Mission Sunday	18th October
Retired Priests' Fund	25th October
World Communications Day	1st November
Cathedral Maintenance Fund	8th November
Day for Life	15th November
PACT (Prisoners' Sunday) (Voluntary)	22nd November
Sea Sunday	13th December
Crib Collection	As usual, during the Christmas Season