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Blessings to Vicars, Parish Managing Committee members and all our faithful members of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa;

Dearly beloved in Lord,

By the Grace of Lord Almighty we could see a sigh of relief that the lockdown restrictions are slowly getting eased in the UK and other European countries. We trust in Lord that the pandemic will be under control in the near future and we all will be blessed to have our normal routine life like in the past. Let us continue pray to Almighty Lord to protect the world from the evil forces.

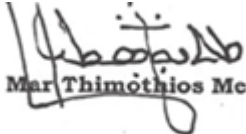
In most of the countries it is a statutory requisite that prior to re-opening the places of worship, a safety risk assessment shall be undertaken and necessary mitigation measures shall be implemented to control the spread of the virus.

On this context We urge all the Parish Vicars and Managing Committee that manage to carry out a risk assessment for your Parish Church, endorse in the managing committee and put in place all necessary mitigation measures prior to the re-opening of the Church buildings for worship. Subject to the mitigation measures, necessary Guidelines for attending the worship should be issued to all the parishioners.

A template for the COVID19 Risk Assessment exercise and supporting Guidelines is prepared for the reference of the Parishes in our Diocese and is issued herewith. You may use this template to carry out the Risk assessment considering the conditions of your respective Parishes and adhering the guidance of the local government.

Assured in Lord Almighty that you all are in Our thoughts and Prayers.

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd


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