

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

During this very difficult time, those with least resources, are as always the most affected. The numbers of people requiring help from foodbanks has increased already and this need is likely to grow even further during the coming weeks. Supporting our local foodbank during this time is therefore more important than ever. At Holy Innocents, we hope to do this in a number of ways:

1. We will continue to collect donations of food and deliver them to the foodbank. As you will know by now, our church will be open for private worship every day from 10.30am to 1.30pm. You can bring donations to the church whenever you are making a visit during these times and leave them in the donations box in the usual way. Deliveries from our parish to the foodbank will go on for as long as we can manage and as long as that is within Government guidance. So, please do keep giving - you have been so generous in the past, and we believe that you will wish to be even more generous at this time. We know that it is difficult to get everything that you might need for your own household in the shops, but we thought it might be helpful to give you a list of the items that are in short supply for the Foodbank at the moment:

Long life milk; Long life fruit juice
Jam
Canned meat, especially cold meat
Bleach; Cleaning Spray
Sponge puddings
Canned potatoes
Cooking sauces
Rice; ;Custard
Rice pudding.
Nappies, sizes 2 and 3; Toilet paper
Ladies deodorant.

2. Should you wish, or should you prefer to make a donation of money to our local foodbank, then please visit the Foodbank website: <https://bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

3. Finally our foodbank is likely to be short of volunteers during the next few weeks and months. Age restrictions and the need for at least some volunteers to self-isolate, along with the increased need, will mean that there will be a shortage of people helping. Have you volunteered at Foodbank in the past? Previous volunteers who have no restrictions because of age or health, or if you feel that you are able to offer any kind of assistance, please get send an e-mail message to Amanda, the Project Manager at pm@bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk

4. The Foodbank team have been working around the clock to ensure that they can continue to provide for our borough's vulnerable families and therefore they would really value your prayers at this time.