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DIRECTIVE ON LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON WEEKDAYS WHEN A PRIEST IS UNAVAILABLE TO PRESIDE AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On weekdays when a parish community is unable to celebrate Eucharist because of the absence of a priest, Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer become the appropriate forms of liturgical celebration. A communion service is not a desirable option. The enclosed documents are sent as a service to our diocesan parishes for liturgical celebrations on weekdays when a priest is unable to preside at the celebration of the Eucharist.

The contents of the documents *Liturgical Celebrations on Weekdays* and *The Liturgy of the Hours** are in accord with the mind of the Church.

I am confident that the enclosed documents prepared by the Liturgical Commission, and approved by the Council of Priests, will be of assistance as you prepare liturgical celebrations on weekdays.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. John Michael Sherlock
Bishop of London

* The referenced document is to be found in the following pages
