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PASTORAL GUIDELINES IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS AND RAINSTORMS

As Hong Kong has been affected by rainstorms over the past few days, the following pastoral guidelines, promulgated on 26 June 2000, are hereby provided by way of reminder and for your action if necessary:

1. When the Typhoon Signal No.8 (or above) is hoisted or Black Rainstorm Warning is in force, the faithful, in accordance with the advice given to the general public, are to avoid outdoor activities and to stay indoors for their personal safety.
2. As travelling from their houses to churches or Mass centres might be hazardous when the above-mentioned signals are hoisted, the faithful are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass under these circumstances. However, for their own spiritual benefit, they are still required to perform some works of piety, such as meditating on some Scripture passages (preferably those chosen for the Sunday liturgy) or saying the Rosary at home.
3. Under the circumstances mentioned in No.1 above, churches and Mass centres are to be closed, and regularly scheduled Masses are to be cancelled. This applies to Sunday or weekdays.
4. The faithful who go against the advice given in Nos.1-2 above do so at their own risk. The diocesan authorities and the priests concerned shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries which might occur.
5. If Typhoon Signal No.8 (or above) or Black Rainstorm Warning is lowered two hours or more ahead of scheduled Sunday or weekday Masses, churches and Mass centres are to provide the usual eucharistic services. However, priests are not required to arrange for special/unscheduled Masses when these signals are lowered.



Rev. Lawrence LEE

Chancellor

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(Please post on the parish noticeboard if necessary)