**Friends of the Holy Land Appeal**

Bishop Declan Lang, CBCEW Chair of [the Holy Land Coordination](https://rcsouthwark.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a40ab1a35eac7236d856fe882&id=faffdbfe94&e=bd7bddafdd) has urged Catholics to support people in the Holy Land affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to prevent a major human catastrophe.

Not only is this a major healthcare crisis, but necessary closures at this time of pilgrimage are also having a devastating impact on the local economy. Regrettably, the healthcare system has collapsed under the strain of Coronavirus and people are also suffering from extremely overcrowded conditions.  We are therefore asked to stand in solidarity with the people of the Holy Land through our prayers and, where possible, through donations to the [Friends of the Holy Land Appeal](https://rcsouthwark.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a40ab1a35eac7236d856fe882&id=422401603f&e=bd7bddafdd), which is now almost half-way towards its target of £148K.