



# Diocese of Manchester Lahore Link Pandemic Appeal

## Supporting Bishop Irfan's Food Parcel Initiative

Pakistan has been hit very hard by coronavirus with 4,000 new cases almost daily. Churches have been shut, which means clergy can't be paid. Schools have closed so there are no fees and no salaries for teachers. But it is the poor that have been hit hardest.

Our partner diocese of Lahore works hard to help the poorest in its communities. Approximately 81 districts in Lahore have been sealed off – no work, no movement and little food. **We are asking Parishes and Individuals to support this appeal to provide food parcels for those most affected by the pandemic.** The funds will be administered by Lahore Diocese. Please see the stories below:



### Mr Javed and Mrs Bilquis Javed

Mr Javed and his wife Bilquis belong to a 'Basti' (slum area) near Youhanabad in Lahore city. Javed lives with his brother as he does not have his own house. Although Javed is blind, he used to work in a factory- however he lost his job when Lahore went into lockdown. Without children to support them, Javed and his wife are suffering greatly. Bilquis works as a cleaner in a Muslim house to earn some money for them to get by. The Church has been delivering food packages to them for almost a month to help diminish the despair and hopelessness of their situation.

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Send a cheque to:

**Manchester DBE  
Church House  
90 Deansgate  
Manchester  
M3 2GH**

Please mark the envelope 'Lahore Diocese Pandemic Appeal'

Cheques payable to **Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance**. Funds will be directly transferred to the Church of Pakistan. Please note that GiftAid is not possible in this circumstance.



### Mr Latif

Mr Latif lives in Khaliq Nagar in a Basti (slum area) in the East of Lahore. He is a Rickshaw driver and the only bread winner for his wife and three children. Latif is a hard worker and remains optimistic about the current situation. He says "I want my children to educate to live a better life in future". However, as the pandemic has sealed off areas on the outskirts of Lahore city, Latif struggles to find work. The Church has helped him out with the groceries so that he and his family can survive these hardships.



### Mr Mumtaz and Mrs Shabida

Mr Mumtaz and Mrs Shabida live in a village 4km away from Youhanabad, Lahore. The village comprises of one thousand homes with a majority of Muslim families. Mumtaz used to be a tailor and had his own shop, however a few years ago, he suffered with a condition that left him paralysed. His wife and daughter began working in a factory, but with the factory now closed, they are unable to provide for their family. The Church is trying to help them by delivering food parcels, but the family are unable to pay for Mumtaz's medicines.

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