

St John the Evangelist

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Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity

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Mass Times this Week

Saturday 27 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Patron, Feast
Mass: *Philip Gilbert Month's Mind*

Sunday 28 Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
Mass: *Mary Garner RIP*
11:00am Private Prayer

Monday 29 Feria

Tuesday 30 Feria

Wednesday 1 Feria
Mass: *Barbara Burnett RIP*
11:00am Private Prayer

Thursday 2 Feria
Mass: *Dennis Connelly RIP*

Friday 3 St Thomas, Apostle, Feast
Mass: *DA Private Intention*
11:00am Private Prayer

Saturday 4 Feria
Mass: *Parish*

Sunday 5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass: *Brian 'Doc' Watson RIP*
11:00am Private Prayer

LAUDETUR JESUS CHRISTUS!

Laudetur indeed - we are open again, albeit on a very limited basis! It was wonderful to see members of the parish praying in church again on Wednesday, and I look forward to more having the opportunity to come along on the "three mornings".

Those who came were welcomed by an usher and directed to a place; at the end of their prayers they went out through the Hall. Of course there was a lot of hand-gel flowing at various stages, but it all went good-humouredly and efficiently, thanks to the kindness and helpfulness of the stewards, to whom I am *very* grateful indeed. Once the hour was over, all the areas used were given a thorough wipe-down and clean by another member of the parish who so kindly gave up her time to come and help us all in this way - my sincere thanks to her as well. I was talking to a (diocesan) priest recently who said he was finding it difficult to recruit people to act as stewards for his church....I just smiled inwardly and uttered a silent prayer of thanks and a blessing for the wonderful people we have in our parish!

The next step will be that great day when we can offer Mass in church with the parish present. At the moment I am waiting for guidance from the Bishop as to how this is to work - how many people may attend, how Holy Communion will be distributed and so on - and will be in touch with you all again as soon as I have the details. I hope to be able to hear confessions again very soon, too - I should think most of us need that sacrament by now - and once again, I shall let you all know as soon as I can.

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In the meantime, please do come along and pray in the church before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle; you may remember the Thought for the Week from some while ago which was on the lines of "When you come into church to pray, remember He has been waiting for you for twenty centuries": this was never more true. Catholics used to be brought up on the idea of going into a church at odd moments of the day "to pay a visit", and found this practice brought many blessings with it.

Don't worry if you find you are not sure what to say to Our Lord - it is simply *being* there that counts: you have made a conscious decision simply to be with Him, and as time goes by, by making it a regular practice, we find a much deeper relationship starting to develop: give it a try!

Wishing you all a very happy feast of Saints Peter and Paul: and celebrate it well!

God bless you all,

Fr James.

Thought for the Week

Mankind has never been so rich, yet it reaches astounding heights of moral and spiritual destitution because of the poverty of our interpersonal relationships and the globalization of indifference.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, God or Nothing

Bulletin setup

We have come to the end of our pre-printed sheets – just at a time when more people might be in church to collect a hard copy bulletin! However, hopefully what we have inserted in place of the newsletter blanks is as useful to you.

Eggs: Free until further notice

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box if you wish, but there is no obligation.

Middlesbrough Food Bank

There are no current collections, although you can make a financial donation on-line. If you have items you would like to donate, we can arrange for them to go to the Easingwold Food Bank in lieu.

Parish Online, Information and Useful Links

- let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin
- search for our closed group on Facebook
- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources, including churches who are live-streaming Mass, and Magnificat's offer for free on-line access during this troubled time. You can also go on www.ChurchPaper.co.uk for editions of all the catholic newspapers.
- Catholic Herald will be a monthly publication from May.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

Envelopes can be dropped through the letterbox of the priory, and if you wish to pay by standing order, Kathryn can set that up. We are most grateful for whatever you can do. This week, Kathryn counted £190 from envelopes dropped through the door. Cheques can be made payable to "Ampleforth Abbey Trust", for the Parish Account: Fr James does not have a personal bank account.

Summer Fayre

It will probably not come as a surprise, but I thought I had better mention it nonetheless, that the Summer Fayre, which was to have taken place on 4th July, has been postponed indefinitely. The current uncertainty about the relaxing of restrictions makes it impossible for us to plan the event as we would like. I am hoping, however, to have something equivalent once the all-clear has sounded - and what a celebration I anticipate that as being!!

Fr James

SVP

The box is available at the back during Private Prayer

Virtual Flower Festival

Entries have all be submitted and we will let you know when you can see the finished festival.

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday only

Kathryn will be at home looking after Benjamin on a Monday. However, she can see the emails from home, and if Fr James is not in there is an answerphone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotian, Catherine Harmer, Graham Harrand, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Kay Moss, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Teresa Catherine Powers, Marie Podgorski and Sophie Williams; *those who have Died recently:* Lt Col Tony Carr, Dennis Connelly, Monica Garner, James Holton, Rachel Kelly, Harrison Torr *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Peter McDonnell

THE OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

1. The church will be open from 11am to 12 Noon on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The church is closed during the remaining time for thorough cleaning.
2. IF YOU SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SELF-ISOLATE, AND DO NOT COME INTO CHURCH.
3. There are two stewards on duty throughout the prayer session, to guide you through the process, and ensure government guidelines on hygiene and social distancing are maintained.
4. A one-way system will be in operation: please enter by the main church door and exit through the sacristy and church hall door. The two sacristy doors will be left open to make this easier.
5. Please sanitise your hands on entering and on leaving the premises.
6. Please feel free to take a bulletin away with you, but once you have touched one, do not return it to the pile.
7. Each bench in church is clearly marked to indicate whether it may be occupied or not; please - no more than one household per bench! If all benches are occupied, a steward may ask you to queue, two metres apart.
8. We are told that the lighting of candles presents a fire risk due to the inflammable nature of hand-gel; if you do wish to light candles, please take the greatest care. There is a fire extinguisher in the porch.
9. The Lady chapel may be used, but one person (or one household) at a time.
10. The balcony remains closed; the staircase is too narrow to make social distancing possible.
11. We minimise risk by minimising surfaces to be touched. Please avoid touching the statues and Wren furniture in particular, we do not wish to damage them by the enhanced cleaning necessary.
12. Please avoid using the loos if at all possible; if you do use them, please advise a steward or Kathryn/Fr James so they can be wiped down afterwards.