

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2020 (Year A)

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Mass Times this Week: No Private Prayer

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| Saturday 1 | St Alphonsus Mary Di Liguori, Bishop & Doctor, Mem Mass: <i>Parish</i> |
| Sunday 2 10:00am | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: |
| Monday 3 | Feria |
| Tuesday 4 | St John Mary Vianney, priest, Mem |
| Wednesday 5 9:30am | Ss Oswald and Oswin, kings & martyrs, Mem Mass: <i>David Myers RIP</i> |
| Thursday 6 | The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast Mass: <i>EBC</i> |
| Friday 7 9:30am | Feria Mass: <i>Dead of the EBC</i> |
| Saturday 8 | St Dominic, Religious & Priest, Mem Mass: <i>Rachel Kelly Month's Mind</i> |
| Sunday 9 10:00am | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: <i>Parish</i> |

A MESSAGE FROM FR JAMES

Now that we are able to celebrate Mass together in church, as we have been doing for a few weeks, I just wanted to write a few words to say how wonderful it is to see so many back in church again and to emphasise to you all how very welcome indeed each one of you is. It makes an enormous difference to the priest to stand at the altar and see so many there, albeit masked, joining in with the Holy Sacrifice and giving thanks and praise to our Father in heaven: it is a real demonstration of the faith and unity of our parish and reminds us that we do indeed have so much to be thankful for!

Our public masses could not, of course, take place without the hard work and generosity of so many of you, who have volunteered to act as stewards to greet the congregation and do all the mandatory cleaning afterward. May I thank you all, on behalf of everyone, for what you are doing: it is deeply appreciated – a number of people have said how safe they feel because of your labours, so carry on the good work!!

I am very keen at this point to re-introduce the Saturday evening mass at 5.45pm, for which I detect a real demand; with this in mind, may I make a special appeal to those who would like to attend? Because of the current “situation” we will of course need stewards for that mass as well, and since there is a Sunday morning mass too, all the cleaning and clearing will have to be done straight after the Saturday evening mass. With great trepidation, therefore, I ask: ***are there some of you who would like to come to this mass, be stewards, and clear up at the end?*** If so, do please let us know
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so we can start as soon as possible. As always, the more kind volunteers we have, the less work each one will have to do.

Hoping to hear from some volunteers soon. In the meantime, God bless you all, and may St John the Evangelist continue to pray for our wonderful parish!

Fr James.

Message from Ampleforth Abbey

The Abbey Church will be OPEN for Public Mass on Sundays & Wednesdays at 11:30am. Our Live Stream service will continue as normal for all other Services. Due to the severe restriction on numbers, and for Track & Trace requirements, it will be necessary to book a place in advance.

Online: massbook@ampleforth.org.uk; Telephone: (01439) 766815

Deadline for Sundays: Saturday 4:00pm Deadline for Wednesdays: Tuesday 4:00pm

Thought for the Week

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.

St Augustine

(Give this one some thought: it is all *true!!* - Fr J.)

Opening of the Church for Mass: Reminders re the Guidelines we are following

All priests have been asked, firstly, to remind everyone that **the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, and will do so for a while to come yet.**

Thank you to all those who are helping in whatever way to allow us to do this.

1. IF YOU SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SELF-ISOLATE, AND DO NOT COME INTO CHURCH.
2. **The church will be open for 9:30 Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays and for Mass at 10am on Sundays.** The church is closed during the remaining time for thorough cleaning.
3. Please wear a face-covering and sanitise your hands on entering and on leaving the premises.
4. Stewards will guide you through the process, and ensure government guidelines are maintained.
5. Please use the one-way system: enter through the main church door and exit via the sacristy and hall.
6. Please take a bulletin away with you, but once you have touched one, do not return it to the pile.
7. There is an assigned seating plan based on the bookings received prior to Mass
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 only 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.
13. We cannot use holy water and during mass there will be no intercessions or sign of peace.
14. At Holy Communion you will be guided as to when to leave your seat. The whole of your row will go at once, and no other row will go until you have returned to your seats.
15. Fr James cannot greet people at the end of mass - the rules state that people should leave promptly.

Disasters Emergency Committee: Coronavirus appeal

CAFOD is an active member of this committee and has been working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. They are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving.

CAFOD is also keen to support the opening up of churches and offers various online resources to help parishioners to pray and to engage, including online resources, and their "Summer of Hope" ideas for families and parishioners to transform lockdown and cancelled summer events etc into some fun fundraising and easy ways to brighten up lockdown. Please contact Kathryn for more information.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- This week's collection raised £264 – thank you very much
- If your Missio Red box is full, please can you count the money in it, and either send a cheque or give online. Missio's address is 23 Eccleston Sq, London SW1V 1NU. Online details via missio.org.uk.
- The SVP box is available at the Exit in the Hall.

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.

Middlesbrough Food Bank

There are no current collections, although you can make a financial donation on-line.

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.

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 Grotrian, Catherine Harmer, Graham Harrand, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Keith Knapton, Kay Moss, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Teresa Catherine Powers, Marie Podgorski and Sophie Williams; *those who have Died recently:* Peter Barrett, Gladys Carteridge. Fr Bill East, Bromwyn Jennison, *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* *Mary Elizabeth Stanley, Margaret Amelia Scaife, Anna Brown, Fr Augustine Callaghan pp, Patrick Doran, Sr St Edward, David Myers, John Rawcliffe*