

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 August 2020 (Year A)

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Mass Times this Week

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>Ann McDonnell RIP</i>
Monday 10	St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, Solemnity
Tuesday 11	St Clare of Assisi, virgin & religious, Mem
Wednesday 12 9:30am	Feria Mass: <i>Graham Harrand RIP</i> (for whom a family Requiem will take place later in the day)
Thursday 13	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus, Priests & Martyrs, Mem Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Friday 14 9:30am	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, Mem Mass: <i>Joanna Nicholson RIP</i>
Saturday 15	Feria Mass: <i>Parish</i> Baptism (Hayes Family)
Sunday 16 10:00am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity Mass: <i>The Abbot</i>

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

So far, only one kind parishioner has offered to help with the post-mass cleaning after Saturday evening masses, which means that we are not able as yet to start them up again. May I therefore make another plea for help with this? As I mentioned last week, the greater the number of helpers, the less often you will find your name on the rota – it's only a ten minute job!

Thank you!

Fr James.

Holy Communion

We have adapted pretty well to the situation of booking in at Mass, but some confusion is happening at Holy Communion. What we are trying to avoid is two-way traffic. The Steward in charge may let several rows go at once, with the idea that once you get to the front you fan out in a row across the altar. Please do not queue down the aisle as in pre-COVID times, but move to the altar step. Once you have taken communion you may return to your seat, as long as no-one else is still moving into place. If they are, please stand still by the altar until your passage is clear.

The back rows around the Stewards' table do not need to come forward. Fr James will come to the back to give communion not only to those with mobility issues, but also anyone in the Lady Chapel and the Stewards themselves.

Thought for the Week

When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration.

Saint John Chrysostom
(Abp of Constantinople, died 407AD)

August Mass Booking

There are individual sheets for those who are regularly coming to Mass, out on the benches. Please fill in the August dates you would like to come to Mass and let Kathryn have them back. You can add dates later also, but if you would like to come between Sunday 16 and Sunday 23 August (inclusive), we would need to know by Friday 14 August, so that all the seating plans can be set up before Kathryn's holiday.

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 to 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.

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

Disasters Emergency Committee: Coronavirus appeal - see Kathryn for more information.

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

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- This week's collection raised £265 – 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, 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: Gladys Carterlidge, Graham Harrand *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Luisa Perez Carrion, Martin Cox