

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August 2020 (Year A)

Parish Administrator: Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope
Office Hours: No-one is on duty this week. Kathryn will be back in on Tuesday 25 August.

Safeguarding Representatives: Mary-Clare Laidlaw and Mark de Groot

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Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 29	Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem
Sunday 30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Graham Harrand RIP</i>
Monday 31	St Aidan, Bishop, Mem
Tuesday 1	Feria
Wednesday 2	Feria
9:30am	Mass: <i>Joanna Nicholson RIP</i>
Thursday 3	St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor, Feast Mass: <i>Graham Harrand Month's Mind</i>
Friday 4	St Cuthbert, Bishop, Feast
9:30am	Mass: <i>Joanna Nicholson RIP</i>
Saturday 5	Feria
	Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 6	Dedication of the Church, Solemnity
10:00am	Mass: <i>In thanksgiving</i>

Message from Fr James

Dear Everyone,

Just a few lines to let you all know that I am, thank God, still very much in the land of the living and looking forward to coming over on Sunday for Mass. I think I am on the mend now, and hope to be able to resume the normal “routine” next week, but let’s see how it goes: I am still being told to rest, and am very blessed indeed that I am able to be at Ampleforth to do so. The care I have received, and still receive, from the Infirmary staff has been second to none; please let us pray for all those who need the care that I am getting but are not able to get it: it must be terrible not to be feeling well and yet to have to struggle through alone!

I am writing this on the feast of St Monica, the long-suffering mother of St Augustine; the patients in St Monica’s are much in my thoughts and prayers today. I pray of course for the whole parish, too: my God bless you all and help each one of us to realise how much we are loved!

Thank you so much to all those of you who have been in touch with cards or by email – I feel quite overwhelmed by your kindness and affection which is most certainly reciprocated. As I have said many times before – and honestly, it is not just “flannel”, as I call it – I could not have been asked to look after a more wonderful parish and am deeply grateful for what has been entrusted to me. That is one of the reasons why I hope very much to be fully back very soon, and I know that with your prayers, this is what will happen!

May God bless you all. This comes with much love and many prayers.....so keep praying!!

Fr James.

Change of exit route for Wednesday Mass only

We are pleased to be able to welcome users back into the Hall, but that does mean that Slimming World will be in there on a Wednesday morning. The risk of mixing with other people is much greater than the risk of going out the way you came in, so you will be ushered out of the Main door. Please lead out from the back rows, and Kathryn will dispense sanitiser as you leave. Please also remember to keep socially distant as you file out.

Message from Susan Harrand

Thank you to all those who have sent me cards and had masses said for Graham. I very much appreciate their thoughts and prayers. I have been very touched by their concern for me and my family.

Thought for the Week

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around

Leo Buscaglia, author

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

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. Under normal circumstances, 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. **[Note that Wednesday is now an exception to this rule as the Hall is occupied.]**
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 as 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.

Middlesbrough Food Bank

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

Saturday Evening Mass

We now have four offers of help to clean after the Saturday evening Mass. Please let Kathryn know if you can join this list for a rota, and we will try and work out when we can reinstate the vigil.

Holy Communion

Remember, 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.

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.

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.

APF Red Boxes

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.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

The collection on 23 August raised £339.50 – thank you very much

Christmas Shoeboxes

With so many ongoing challenges for many families, let's remind the world's children that they are loved and special to God. A shoebox gift through Operation Christmas Child does just that, while bringing a great big smile to the face of all those little ones who receive them. This organisation is intending to continue this excellent work, through their contacts on the ground, and we intend to send as many boxes as we are able despite the current situation. Some boxes are available in the Hall as you exit Mass. Otherwise please contact Chris Peel on 01347 823548.

Ecumenical Garden Service

This is planned – as far as any planning can go! – for 13 September at 3pm in the Garden. Fr Henry would speak again. It will probably mean bringing one's own refreshments, and attendees may have to be limited to comply with regulations. We will keep you posted as we know more.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Charles Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Pat Grotrian, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Keith Knapton, Kay Moss, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Teresa Catherine Powers, Marie Podgorski, Philip Scrope, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;

those who have Died recently: Graham Harrand

and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Alick Kinnersley Stephens, Wilfred John Leslie Maughan, Heather Gordon, Vera Marjorie Kelsey, George William Kelsey, Lawrence McGuinness, Fr Cyril Brooks (pp 1995-96)