

# St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

# Dedication of the Church, Solemnity

6 September 2020 (Year A)

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## Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 5	Feria Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 6 10:00am	Dedication of the Church, Solemnity Mass: <i>In thanksgiving</i>
Monday 7	Feria,
Tuesday 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
Wednesday 9 9:30am	Feria, Mass: <i>Peter, John and James Garner RIP</i>
Thursday 10	Feria, Mass:
Friday 11 9:30am	Feria, Mass: <i>Hugh O'Donnell RIP</i>
Saturday 12	Feria, Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 13 10:00am 3:00pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mass: <i>Celia Bradley RIP</i> Ecumenical Garden Service, with Fr Henry as the speaker

## Update on Mass and Fr James

Fr James is feeling better, but not quite up to full time residence back at the Priory. He returns for Wednesday and Friday Mass, and obviously Sunday. We are grateful for the offers of help in order to start up Saturday Vigil Mass, and, as soon as Fr James feels comfortable to take this on, we will set it up. Kathryn will be in touch with a rota, and briefing of what needs to be done.

## 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.

## Thought for the Week

*May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes; and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at last. Amen*

St John Henry Newman

## **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.

## **Information and Useful Links**

- Please 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](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk) for editions of all the catholic newspapers.

## **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 be present 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. **[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.

## **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.

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## **Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings**

The collection on 30 August raised £277.00 – thank you very much.

### **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.

### **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](http://missio.org.uk).

### **Ecumenical Garden Service**

This is planned for 13 September at 3pm in the Garden. Fr Henry would speak again. There will be no refreshments served, please bring something if you would like it. We will have to limit numbers to be sure that we could fit in the church if it rained. Please let Kathryn know if you would like to attend.

### **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 and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Frederick Cook, Mary Agnes Hawnby, Brian Downes