

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 2020 (Year A)

Parish Administrator: Kathryn Lynam; **Assistants:** Emma Harrison and William Scrope
Office Hours: Tuesday (busy), Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm; Friday 9:30-3:30pm.

Under normal circumstances the Church itself should be open 9:00am -5:00pm on a weekday.
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Mass Times this Week:

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| Saturday 19 | Feria Mass: <i>Parish</i> |
| Sunday 20 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass: <i>Irene Atkin RIP</i> |
| Monday 21 | St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast |
| Tuesday 22 | Feria |
| Wednesday 23 | St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, Mem 9:30am Mass: <i>Venerable Mary Ward</i> |
| Thursday 24 | Feria Mass: |
| Friday 25 | St Ceolfrid, Abbot, Mem 9:30am Mass: <i>Health of Community, Schools and Parishes</i> |
| Saturday 26 | Ss Cosmas and Damian, martyrs, Mem Mass: <i>Brian Atkin RIP</i> |
| Sunday 27 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00am Mass: <i>Parish</i> |

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAMES: NO MASS NEXT FRIDAY (25th SEPTEMBER)

"I have a hospital appointment on Friday which, unfortunately, means I will not be able to say Mass on that day: many apologies. All my test results are clear and I'm hoping that the appointment is simply an official "signing off"!

Many prayers and God bless,"

Father James

Ecumenical Garden Service

Last Sunday we held the Ecumenical Garden Service in our garden. We were very lucky to have Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB who came and gave the address. We are very grateful to the kind volunteers who helped set everything up for the service. Thank you to all who took part, 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.

Cleaning after Mass on a Wednesday

We have a kind volunteer who wipes the benches down after Wednesday Mass. It would be gratefully appreciated if someone else could volunteer to do this, so that the duty would only be on alternating weeks. Please see Kathryn if you would be able to help in this way.

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.

Office and Administration Issues

There have been computer issues so please forgive any oversights this weekend.

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.

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Thought for the Week

I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born, says the Lord.

Isaiah 66:9

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 for editions of all the catholic newspapers.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

The collection last week raised £238 – thank you very much.

Update on Mass and Fr James

Fr James is feeling much 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.

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.

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.

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.

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, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Kay Moss, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Teresa Catherine Powers, Marie Podgorski, Stephen Sangster, Philip Scrope, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;

those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Dr Laurence Cawley, Harry Field, John Grotrian, Reginald David Jackson, , Ellen Mary Walsh.