



## St Saviour's, Abbots Langley & Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, Chipperfield

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**Sunday 21st June 2020. 12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

### RECOGNITION OF THE MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO FR. FRANCIS JORDAN



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has authorised the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Francis Mary of the Cross (in secular life John Baptist) JORDAN, Founder of the Salvatorians.

### The miracle

A young couple that was expecting a baby in 2014 in Jundiá (Brazil), was informed by several medical doctors and specialists that their unborn child was suffering an incurable bone disease (skeletal dysplasia). Being members of a group of Lay Salvatorians, the parents began to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Francis Jordan, inviting other members of the Salvatorian Family to join them. The child was born in a complete healthy condition on 8 September 2014, the day of Fr. Francis Jordan's death anniversary. After the required canonical

procedures had been successfully completed, the Holy Father, Pope Francis declared that this miraculous healing was worked by God through the intercession of Fr. Francis Jordan.

### Towards the beatification

The declaration of the Pope on 19 June 2020 finishes the process on the miracle and opens definitely the way towards the beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan. As soon as the date and place of the beatification ceremony will be determined by the Holy See, we will announce it.

### REOPENING THE CHURCH

I wish to express my thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with either stewarding or cleaning of the church for our proposed times of opening of individual prayer. I am delighted to say that enough volunteers have come forward as Stewards and Cleaners to enable us to re-open for some times of individual prayer as previously planned:

Tuesday 9.30am – 12noon

Friday 9.30am – 12non & 4pm – 5.30pm

Saturday 9.30am – 12noon

Sunday 10.45am - 2pm

**Funeral Service in the Church:** A Non-Eucharistic service in the Church is now permitted. The number of people gathered should be minimised. The next-of-kin has an important role in determining who is to attend the funeral; members of the person's household, close family members, or if the above are unable to attend, close friends. Other discussions of the Taskforce indicate a maximum of 15 people including the priest or deacon and stewards.

**Other points to consider:**

- the mortal remains of the person should not rest overnight in the church;
  - no objects should be placed on the coffin;
    - no singing is permitted;
  - the use of a single use service sheet which is taken away;
  - the cleaning of the church;
- people who are not able to attend the service may wish to line the street in a socially distanced way.

The undertakers may assist, if willing, with limiting the numbers entering the church, or this may be the role of local stewards. Some people may find these restrictions too limited and wish simply to gather for a burial or cremation.

**Food Collection:** In response to the growing needs in the community during this lockdown period, we are asking all the parishioners to donate if they can.

All donations can be dropped to the Fathers house. If you ring the bell and leave your donation at the door it will be collected.

Food parcels/boxes will then be made and distributed; part will be sent to Watford Foodbank.

If you are aware of any family or individuals that you know may be struggling and would benefit from this please make the priests aware.

Thank you very much for your support and we pray for all to stay safe.

God bless!

We pray for the intentions offered at our Masses this Sunday: ... We also pray for the sick at home and in hospitals, especially those affected by the Corona Virus, that God may heal them and strengthen their hope of eternal glory.