



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

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Parish Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-2pm

A Warm Welcome to you! If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the Priest & to other parishioners. Census Forms are available at the back of the Church!

With this Sunday, we return to "ordinary time" and take up again the regular reading of Mark. We get to hear one of the very few passages in Mark not taken up by Matthew or Luke, the parable of the farmer asleep. With all the drive and tension in Mark, it is refreshing to reflect on this parable of purposeful inactivity. Jesus was a great believer in and promoter of renewal, both of his hearers' personal outlook and of the structures and priorities of the Jewish religion. In today's parable, he draws attention to the mysterious miracle of growth and fruitfulness. Yes, of course the gardener must do the initial spadework, and subsequently whatever weeding and watering may be required; but in the end it is the Spirit of God who makes fruitful change happen. So we call on the Pentecostal Spirit to breathe strongly on our Church today, and awaken in all our hearts that loving desire for sharing, for communion, which is the ideal at the heart of each Eucharistic congress, and indeed of every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS – June

Friday 11th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	10.00: Joe McCarthy (RIP)	Confessions: Before any of the Masses upon request.
Saturday 12th: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	18.30: Margaret Tighe (RIP)	
Sunday 13th: + 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00: 13.00: Confirmation Mass at St Saviours	Marriages, Baptisms: contact the Parish Clergy via email / telephone. 6months notice is required for Marriage. School Forms, Passports etc: please speak to Clergy after Mass.
Friday 18th: Feria	10.00	
Saturday 19th: Feria	18.30:	
Sunday 20th: +12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00:	Sunday Readings: Year B Weekday Readings: Year 2

Mass Times: We will hold public Mass on the following days & times:

Fri Mass: 10am, Saturday Mass: 6.30pm, Sunday Mass: 10am. There will no Tuesday weekday Mass!

Public Mass Times followed by 30mins of Private Prayer. *Please note, during this time Friday mass will be accounted for a Sunday Mass.*

All Masses from St Saviours, Abbots Langley will continue to be streamed via Facebook at 10am and weekday Masses that are not public will be live at 9am from St Saviour's Parish Abbots Langley Facebook.

Day for Life -Sunday 20th June 2021:

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth. Each death has rightly been mourned as a tragedy. This tragedy has been further compounded by the inability to be physically present with loved ones at the end of their life, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. The pain of this separation and the preciousness of a loved one's final moments has been keenly felt by many.

Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families. As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to 'stay home and save lives.' These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life. However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' That legislation which proposes hastening death is now being seriously contemplated, is deeply alarming following a year of pandemic which has caused the untimely deaths of millions around the world. Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a 'false compassion' and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient 'suffering with' the vulnerable, sick and dying. A 'true compassion', he says, is 'the just response to the immense value of the sick person.' This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family.

We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

Parish Hall Available for Hire!

Do you have a function coming up?... our Parish hall is a lovely large space which is ideal for hosting your special event. If you would like to enquire please contact the Parish office.



Baptism Preparation Class: Our next class will be held at St Saviours on Sunday 20th June at 9.30am.

Confirmation 2021: Bishop Paul McAleenan will confirm all the Confirmation Candidates at St Saviours on 13th June at 1pm. Before that, the Bishop will say our Sunday Mass at 11.15am.

We congratulate our Confirmation candidates and wish them a very special day:

Kian, Daisy, Jamie, Zoe, Spencer, Scarlett, Seanna, David, Harry, Sam, James, Stephanie & Olivia.

Please note, with restrictions beginning to ease Friday 18th June will be the last Friday Mass where Sunday Mass will be said.

Parish Life: Please see the current guidelines we are following regarding weddings, funerals & Baptisms.

Weddings: can once again be celebrated with strict observations of all the measures.

Funerals: contact the clergy for current guidance.

Baptisms: can once again be celebrated with strict observations of all the measures.