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St. Paul's, Harefield

St Paul's Church is reopened for Masses

**Masses take place normal times. Saturday 6.30pm
vigil Mass. Sunday Masses at 9.00am, and 11.00am**

Daily Mass 9.15am

The mass will be considerably shorter: no singing, no bidding prayers.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK

As with the last weeks the prayer garden/Lourdes grotto will be open each day for private prayer from 7.00am until 9.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 25th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time ... 20th September 2020

19th September Saturday	6.30pm	Diane Soares R.I.P.
20th September Sunday	9.00am	Gay King
20th September Sunday	11.00am	Anne Gilbride
21st September Monday	9.15am	Nova Mathew
22nd September Tuesday	9.15am	David Laporta R.I.P.
23rd September Wednesday	9.15am	Holy souls
24th September Thursday	9.15am	Holland family
25th September Friday	9.15am	Anthony Joseph R.I.P.
26th September Saturday	9.15am	Maria Butler

RE-OPENING OF ST PAUL'S, HAREFIELD FOR MASSES

Opening and operating safely: hand hygiene, cleaning and social distancing

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have worked with our Public Health advisors, Public Health England and the Government in order to provide clear directives for the opening of our churches safely which minimises the risk of virus transmission. Adapting the proposed directives to our situation:

1. At least four stewards must be present in the church throughout the time it is open for prayer; the stewards must ensure that hand sanitisation occurs at entry and exit points, social distancing is maintained by people in the church and if a pre-determined capacity is reached, they prevent others from entering the church. (Through, for example, a "one in, one out" policy.) People with cold or flu-like symptoms should be asked not to enter.
3. As an additional infection control measure people will enter by the FRONT door and leave the church via the REAR DOORS, with a one way system of movement being encouraged within the body of the church.
4. Alcohol hand gel will be provided at the doors, with notices asking people to sanitise their hands as they enter and leave the church.
5. People who are part of the same household can sit together but those not from the same household should maintain social distancing while in church.
6. In addition to the stewards, there will be signage to remind people about the social distancing guidelines and it is important that people must not touch statues and other objects to prevent the transmission of the virus.
7. The toilet facilities in the church will remain closed to prevent any risk of transmission of infection.
8. People coming to pray are encouraged to bring disinfectant wipes to clean the places they have touched while they move around the church.
9. Physical veneration of relics or objects such as statues, crucifixes and shrines is not permitted.
10. There will be no holy water in the church stoups.
11. Care must be exercised when lighting candles on votive stands.
12. The church must be cleaned fully at least once a day, using appropriate cleaning products and paying particular attention to touch points (door handles, collection boxes etc). Areas that are likely to be touched frequently (such as door handles) should be cleaned more often.

Face Coverings

Government has advised that cloth face coverings could be worn for reassurance by people in enclosed areas but are not strictly necessary. People should not see their voluntary use disrespectful to prayer or the sacred space.

Children

While children are unlikely to become very ill, they are capable of both being infected by the virus and of spreading it. Parents or guardians bringing children into the church should not be discouraged from doing so, but it will be important for parents to manage their children appropriately, particularly ensuring they touch as few surfaces as possible for their own safety.

Vulnerable People

It remains a person's own choice to come to church to pray. As a community we would welcome your thoughts on how we best fulfil our responsibility to support those most vulnerable who wish to pray privately in church.



THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE SHADOW OF THE VALLEY OF DEATH I FEAR NO EVIL



St Paul writing from prison...

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of
angels, and have not charity (Love), I am become
as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
1 Corinthians 13:1

