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As you will be aware tomorrow, is an important day, when restrictions, imposed as a result of the pandemic, are to be lifted. The Bishops of England and Wales, have written saying:

"It is important to reiterate that as Step 4 is reached, the general principles of continuing to create a safe environment in places of worship and their ancillary buildings are not abandoned. Indeed, the way forward must be a collective endeavour of all involved in the daily life of the Church in England and Wales. Recognition of the presence of the virus in the population means that certain preventative practices will still be required, and this is important to ensure that it is seen that our Health and Safety duties are being discharged."

The Bishop's advise:

"Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. General cleaning to a good standard is the level to continue. This is consistent with the advice from Public Health England. These are key actions which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue to do, even after 19th July which significantly reduce this risk. We will follow the advice of the Bishops by: Continuing to provide hand gel, as people arrive for Mass, and leave the church. Asking everyone attending Mass to continue to wear a mask, unless they are exempt. Cleaning the church after each Mass.

From next weekend, there will be no need to request, a place, in advance, for the Sunday Masses.

For the time being, the church will remain closed except for before, and after, Mass. After the summer holidays, this will be reviewed, and I hope that it will be possible to open the church during the day.

Until the summer holidays are over, we will continue with one Mass on Saturdays, and two on Sundays. In September we will, hopefully, return to our practice of having four Masses each weekend.

These are important steps, on the return to 'normality'. Throughout the pandemic, those attending Mass, have cooperated fully with the various guidelines, and that has been tremendously supportive and encouraging. As we enter this new phase, I know I can depend on your continued cooperation, which is in the interests of the safety, and well-being of us all.



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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am*

Monday, Tuesday*, Wednesday and Thursday*

Mass this week at 9.15am.

No need to request a place in advance.

*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see below.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,
wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,
do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.

ON HOLIDAY!

Today's Gospel is very appropriate for this time of year, as we hear of Jesus taking the Apostles away for some rest, after their first mission. This week our school closes and, some of you, I hope, will be able to get away. If not, I hope you will have the chance of some rest. This is the last newsletter until September. If necessary, notices will be posted on the website or on the parish Facebook page.



PARISH OFFICE



The Office Administrator is on holiday for the next two weeks, so if you leave a voicemail, or send an email, please be patient as the response time may not be as efficient as usual!

WEEKDAY LIVE-STREAMING

For the next two weeks the weekday Mass will not be live-streamed, but the Sunday Mass will continue to be transmitted at 10.30am. The weekday Mass will resume live-streaming on Tuesday August 10th.

THANK YOU

A huge 'thank you' to the family of a recently deceased parishioner, for their very significant donation to the parish. Their kindness is much appreciated, and is a great support to the work, and life, of our parish.

'AT HOME'

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK operates a hosting scheme called 'At Home' which sees volunteers host destitute refugees. The volunteers receive full support in making introductions and throughout the three-month period of hosting from the JRS Liaison Officer. A number of refugees are currently in need of more hosts as temporary accommodation provided during the pandemic comes to an end, leaving refugee friends of JRS facing a return to street homelessness. If you have a spare room or are interested to find out more email Hannah at JRS: uk@jrs.net or visit: <https://www.jrsuk.net/at-home-hosting-scheme/>

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone, who has continued to support the Parish, financially, since the first lockdown in March 2020. For some, circumstances will have changed, and it will not have been possible to offer any support, which is understandable. You can give your support by Standing order, or by using planned giving envelopes. For details please contact the parish office. It's also possible to make a contribution, using the 'Contactless' machine in church and to register your offering for Gift Aid following the simple instructions on the screen or via Virgin Money giving through the Parish Website.



LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week (weekdays from Tuesday 10th August)

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	813 4550 5928
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	812 5152 5354
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	844 0450 5303

OPEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY 24 JULY - PLEASE COME!

You and your friends are warmly invited to this year's open garden day. It will take place between 10am and 2pm on 24 July, at 3 Beech Close, East Common AL5 1BZ. If possible, please park outside the Close. You will be able to buy plants grown by fellow parishioners, and to relax with friends in a lovely setting. There will of course be ample refreshments including coffee, tea and delicious cakes, including home made cakes for sale. If you wish to donate plants, please ring Jon Carr on 0797 4540106 to arrange for delivery. The entrance fee will be £2. Payments will be accepted in cash only, and all the proceeds will go to the Developing World Group's (DWG) next project.



SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT

On Sunday 1st August at 5pm there will be a Saxophone Quartet Concert in the Church. This will be a small ensemble and they will play a mixture of classical pieces and lighter entertainment the concert is open to a socially distanced audience.



FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, to do what we can, to nourish our faith. Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

FAMILY PRAYER RESOURCES FOR SUMMER -



CAFOD will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global

family. They will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

For the last year, a number of parishioners have taken on the challenge of reading the Bible in a year. We will be starting a new reading group this year, starting on Friday, 6th August, the Feast of the Transfiguration. A reading plan will be emailed out to all who wish to participate. The commitment is around 20 minutes per day. For more information, and to sign up to this rewarding venture, please contact Jay Caracciolo on jay3gsm@gmail.com"



CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. You can follow the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:
Centres (in person learning)
<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>
Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)
info@studylifelight.com
01844 351 514
CCRS Online (online learning)
ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk
0151 291 3055

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO HELP AT THE HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH, SATURDAY



AUGUST 28TH AND MONDAY AUGUST 30TH.

The Harpenden Jigsaw Festival, organized by the Developing World Group in conjunction with our friends at

the High Street Methodist Church, will now take place on **Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday 27th, 28th & 30th of August. The Festival will be open between 9.00am and 6.00pm each day.** With over 1100 jigsaws on display and for sale, we are in need of a number of helpers to cover a variety of roles.

If you could help, please could you email Noel Whittle at

noel.whittle@btinternet.com and let him know your availability and if you would prefer to do a morning or afternoon stint. It is proposed that a shift will be for

2 hours but you are of course welcome to volunteer for more than one shift. All proceeds from the Festival will be equally divided between



the DWG chosen charity

Workaid www.workaid.co.uk and the High Street

Methodist chosen charity Azalea www.azalea.org.uk



National Justice and Peace Conference 2021, at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick - 23-25 July 2021

2021: Life on Earth - moment of truth' is the theme. As climate changes, the biodiversity crisis and Covid-19 make clear, ecological conversion is becoming a matter of life and death. Decisions to be made this year at the COP26 climate summit and in the recovery from the pandemic are critical for salvaging a viable future. This is a year of opportunity the like of which we will never see again. At Conference 2021 we will take inspiration

from *Laudato Si*, *Fratelli Tutti* and secular thinking on integral ecology. We will seize this moment of grace for the changes and choices now confronting us. The parish LiveSimply group will be represented at the Conference. For more information go to <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/> *Laudato Si*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 17 th July 11.30am & 12.30pm VIGIL MASS 5.00pm	feria Baptisms Ponikowski & Russell Families 16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Tom Carey RIP
Sun 18 th July 9.00am 10.30am	16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) People of the Parish Kathleen Moran RIP Zoom Code 813 4550 5928
Mon 19 th July 9.15am	feria
Tue 20 th July 9.15am	feria George Flynn RIP
Wed 21 st July 9.15am	feria
Thu 22 nd July 9.15am	ST MARY MAGDALENE William & Rita Dooley RIP (Anniv)
Fri 23 rd July	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
Sat 24 th July VIGIL MASS 5.00pm	feria 17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) David Crawley RIP (Recently Deceased)
Sun 25 th July 9.00am 10.30am	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) John Horne RIP People of the Parish Zoom Code 813 4550 5928
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