

**19 JULY AND THE RELAXING OF COVID PRECAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:** We don't expect to hear what this will mean for us and how things will change at church until late this week. We will send out an e-alert as soon as possible with news as soon as we can. As the rules slowly change it brings us new freedoms and new challenges. The most important thing is to keep our churches open and safe spaces for the faithful to gather to worship, and this means constant vigilance. In using our churches please keep in mind:

**1) RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER:** We need to preserve **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**. Please follow the directions of the stewards, and give each other space coming into and leaving church.

**2) RESPECT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** If you are able to come to the grace of Holy Communion remember the guidelines: Holy Communion is received silently in the hands, which should be extended as far as possible in front of you, and you should be holding nothing else in your hands, including for example face coverings or a rosary. You are respectfully asked **not** to wear your face covering when coming to Holy Communion, so that you may worthily consume the Blessed Sacrament. This is why the priest wears his face covering at this point, to maximise mutual safety.

*These guidelines are not invented by your parish clergy - they come to us from the bishops and we are all asked to respect them, clergy and faithful alike.*

**SEA SUNDAY AND SUPPORT FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** TODAY (11 July) is Sea Sunday, when we remember in prayer and practical aid the work of the Apostleship of the Sea. To support the charity's work, please go to [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate). To listen to Bishop Paul Mason's Sea Sunday message go to [www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday). If you wish to add anything to the annual collection for the Apostleship of the Sea please put it in an envelope marked accordingly and add that to the collection buckets or put it through the door of the office or presbytery.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** As you will have seen the parish website has been redesigned at Diocesan HQ, as has the site for every other parish! This is presenting us with a few problems about how to present information and how useful information can be found. Bear with us as we try to sort out the issues. The benefits of this upgrade are amongst others that hopefully the new version is more easily used on smart phones. More anon...

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** An appeal has been made for us to write to the Home Secretary. On 7th June Priti Patel stated in the House of Commons that she would meet Sir Edward Leigh MP and representatives of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to discuss granting asylum to Maira Shahbaz. Maira, 15, is a Christian girl in Pakistan receiving death threats because of a false apostasy accusation. Over a month on, Priti Patel has not offered a date yet. Visit our [Aid to the Church in Need page](#) on our new updated website for more details.

**VICTOR ALBERTELLA:** Victor(Vic) was a member of St Gabriel's church for many years around the 1960's and 1970's. We have been told that he died last week in Milton Keynes. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The office remains closed to visitors, because the building is not open to unscheduled visits. You can contact the office by the parish telephone number and Cynthia can make arrangements to collect or drop off documents etc on an individual basis. Please respect this and please don't ring the door bell on the way in to or out of Mass.

**NEWS FROM CARITAS WESTMINSTER:** "*Introduction to Volunteering*": 21st September, 10 – 11:30 am, Zoom.

Thinking about volunteering? Find out how to get started at a free interactive session run by Caritas Westminster. It is for people thinking about or just starting out in volunteering. Explore what your perfect role could be and how to find it, discover what your first days might be like, and how to deal with issues that may crop up along the way. This event covers all the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer.

Book your place on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-volunteering-tickets-159672389415>

**Volunteering Opportunity with the Caritas Volunteer Service:**

The Caritas Volunteer Service is growing! We are looking for a couple of volunteers who share our passion for social action and volunteering. This is an opportunity to help transform lives throughout the Diocese by helping charities and outreach projects find volunteers. Deadline for applications: 31 July. For more information please contact: <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-with-us.php>

**11TH ANNUAL G.K.CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE:** Sunday 24 July. Should you wish for some fresh air and up to 27 miles of walking!! More information is available at [www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk](http://www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk) or tel: 07795 205114. Pilgrims are taking prayer requests, especially for Life Issues, on [catholicgksociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catholicgksociety@yahoo.co.uk)

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK ASK FOR YOUR HELP:** Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

**SPUC ASK FOR YOUR HELP:** Please meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021](http://www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021)

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK: SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER:** This year March for Life is back on the streets of London. Join the pro-life movement in this act of witness. Details at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk).

**APPEAL FOR PRAYER FOR LEBANON:** The Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon have asked for prayers and support as the Lebanese nation is facing a serious risk of losing its identity forged by encounter, plurality and fraternity, in the light of an unprecedented political, social, sanitary and economic crisis. Practical support can be given through Aid to the Church in Need.

**SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE AT SUDBURY!!!** St George's Catholic Primary School, Sudbury Hill, have spaces currently available in Year 2 and Year 4 in this popular successful school. Please contact the school office for further information [office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk) or telephone the school 020 8422 1272. For families with children not in Catholic Schools, this is highly recommended.

**NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST SWITHIN WELLS SCHOOL:** The school have some spaces in Nursery for children born between 1st September 2017- 31st August 2018

**IN YEAR PLACES AT ST SWITHIN WELLS SCHOOL:** There are spaces due to families moving out of the area. Please contact Mrs Sharp, Admissions Officer [admissions@ssw.school](mailto:admissions@ssw.school) Tel:01895 808194 if you would like to find out more. Applications & relevant paperwork can be downloaded [here](#)

**JOB VACANCY AT ST GREGORY'S SCIENCE COLLEGE:** For a School Librarian/Learning Resources Manager. Salary c 26K pro rata, term time only. Application pack and further details please contact Mrs Brennan, PA to the Headteacher on 020 8907 8828 or [schooloffice@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk)

**REDUNDANCY COACHING:** <https://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. This has been passed on to us by the Diocese of Northampton.

**GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR GREENER HOMES:** Maybe you have already heard of the scheme, but in brief, it offers grants of up to £10,000 to owner occupiers (and in some cases have been able to offer much more using additional schemes such as ECO) to carry out energy efficiency works on their properties at absolutely no cost to the resident. The West London Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery Scheme is open to landlords and homeowners of D, E, F, and G rated homes in Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Newham, Richmond, and Wandsworth. To be eligible, the total household income must be below £30k/year (and up to £20k in housing benefits). If you believe that you or your tenant may qualify, please call Healthy Homes Ealing at 0800 083 2265 and ask to be screened for the LAD program or register for the scheme by visiting: <https://london.greendoctors.org.uk/green-homes-grant>.

**"JESUS, I ADORE YOU":** is a new book of prayers before the Blessed Sacrament for younger children. Available from St Gabriel's office or stewards priced £5.95. A really good teaching resource for parents, especially in this time without public celebration of Mass.

**HAND MADE ICON FOR SALE:** Cristinel Paslaru, who made the icons of the Baptism of Christ in St Gabriel's and of the Holy Trinity in St Bernard's is a professional Icon Writer from Iasi in Romania.

He has made a new icon of St Christopher (25cms x 12cms) which is looking for a home. His price is £150. Cristi's work is beautiful and of the highest quality. All questions or enquiries to Fr James.





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You can make a donation to the parish by scanning the QR code or making a card payment on the card machine at the entrance of both of our churches.