

Please pray for: Louise and Mary Dykes, Marianne Elliott, Ken and Sheila Green, Melanie Kraan, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terri Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Leonard Cabral, Keith Murray, Alcinda Ramos, Maria Stella Bastiampillai, Margaret Mulhall, Fr Bryan Jones, Pat Galvin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Fr Pat Sammon (former Parish Priest), Samira Awad, James Flynn, Kathleen Lavin, Pat Hynes, Mary Josephine Michael, Dominic John Kennedy, Mary Ellen Byrne, Arturo Caridade, Laurance D'Colyse, Patrick Paisley, George Williams, Mary Skuse and Mary Turner.



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BOOKING A MASS INTENTION DURING THIS PERIOD

Masses continue to be said in private for the intentions that have been booked each day. Masses are available from June onwards therefore, if you would like to book a Mass intention you can do so via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by phone (020) 8997 3164. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm which day has been booked. Payment can be made once we are able to re-open the church.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

You can also book the Sanctuary candlelight which will be lit for your intention from a Saturday to Friday. Suggested donation is £10. Please contact the parish office of you would like to book the candlelight.

MASS INTENTIONS - COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASSES

As public Masses cannot be celebrated at this time, it is generally no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. This might mean that some Masses which were to be celebrated for a special intention will now not be celebrated. In these situations, and only whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for a Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention.

If you have arranged to have a Saturday or Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	13	Stasia Armstrong (Birthday)
Sunday	14	Doreen and Denis Cook RIP
Monday	15	Elsy Jonny RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday	16	All key workers
Wednesday	17	NO MASS
Thursday	18	People of the Parish
		THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Friday	19	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Saturday	20	Julia Heneghan RIP (Anniversary)
		12th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Sunday	21	Mary Turner RIP (Anniversary)

CORPUS CHRISTI - A

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 | Corinthians 10:16-17 | John 6:51-58

14th June 2020

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On this Sunday, *Corpus Christi*, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We celebrate with amazement and gratitude the real presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. *Corpus Christi* gets right to the heart of the mystery of our faith—the gift of the body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us from the altar at every Mass and reserved for us at all times in the tabernacle, so we can come to church and worship Christ, pray and be close to him.

This is a marvellous gift that we have, that Jesus Christ is with us, on this earth, present not only in a spiritual way, he is here physically. During the lockdown many priests have been live-streaming Masses from their churches. Unfortunately, for the moment, we don't have the equipment to live-stream our Masses. I know that many of you have followed other parishes where live-streaming has been taking place and found it very uplifting and consoling. We should be grateful to all the priests who have been able to live-stream Masses. For the spiritual communion we have experienced with the Lord during this time through our screens, which has kept our faith going in this moment of difficulty. However, I'm sure you feel that something is missing, it is not quite the same. The real presence of the Lord is missing from our lives, the physical presence. In my case, as a priest, it is your real presence that is missing!

St. Augustine says that sometimes the Lord delays giving us some graces which are good and holy, so that our desire for those graces may increase. The more we wait, the more our desire for God increases and the more our hearts expand in that exercise of desire. The bigger our heart becomes waiting for those graces, the more we are able to receive from him, the more our hearts are capable of containing more fully the gift of God.

Perhaps during the lockdown, the Lord, by making us wait for the Eucharist, wishes to increase in our hearts our desire to receive him in his body and blood and hopefully, this time has helped us appreciate more in our lives the wonderful gift God has given us in his real presence.

We thank the Lord for the reopening of the Churches from Monday, just for individual prayer. Please read the instructions/timetable carefully in this newsletter before you come to Church. It's great that once again we can spend time with Christ in the church, close to his real presence and receiving the spiritual blessings his closeness brings to our soul; his peace, his healing, his comfort.

We pray that as the lockdown continues to ease, we will soon be able to resume our Masses. On this Sunday, let us keep in our prayers all our children whose First Holy Communion have been postponed, that their love for Christ may increase as they lovingly wait for the day they will receive him in Holy Communion.

Fr Agustin

WE ARE REOPENING THE CHURCH

Following discussions between the government and representatives of all the major faiths, places of worship will be permitted to open their doors once again from Monday 15th June.

This decision recognises the spiritual and mental health benefits of being able to pray in a place of worship and that for some people this cannot easily be replicated by praying at home.

Not all churches will be in a position to open from Monday. Each one has to carry out its own, local, risk assessment and put certain measures in place before it can open.

Having completed our own risk assessment, we are delighted to say that

St John Fisher will be reopening from Monday 15th June

As with all churches in England, we will be open for **Individual Private Prayer only**.

At this stage, it is still not possible to celebrate Mass with a congregation, (Fr Agustin will continue to say Mass in private), nor is it possible to have any other form of communally led prayer or adoration, baptisms, weddings or other sacramental services.

As Cardinal Vincent has said in his statement 'This first step enables us to learn and prepare for those that will take us to a fuller use of our churches, for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments. We await that time with deep longing but patient understanding that the protection of the health of our society, especially of the most vulnerable, is a proper cause for caution and care.'

The Church will be open for private prayer during these times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

11:00am - 1:00pm

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday

Closed

Saturday

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Sunday

10:30am - 12:30pm

In order to ensure everyone's safety, new measures have been introduced and the church will look a little different.

The following pages outline the changes that have been made. Please read each page carefully. Posters will be displayed outside and inside the church and stewards will be available to help you.

We recognise the sacrifice that everyone has made over the last 3 months and that many of you are longing to come back - we thank you for your patience. However, it is vital that everyone exercises great care when coming to church and follows the guidelines, to ensure the church continues to be a safe space for all.

SAFETY MEASURES INTRODUCED

Please use the
MAIN FRONT DOORS
to enter the church
and the
SIDE DOORS
to leave the
church



We have changed the way you enter and exit the church.

Entry to the church must be through the main front doors.

You must exit through the side doors that lead onto the disabled access ramp.

Anyone who is unable to use the steps should speak to the steward, who will safely guide you

Please sanitise
your hands on the
WAY IN
and the
WAY OUT



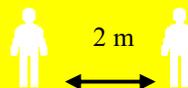
Hand sanitiser will be available as you come into the church and also near the exit.

One 'pump' of sanitiser should be sufficient.

Please note the sanitiser contains alcohol.

Please do not move the bottles from their location.

Maintain
a safe distance
at all times



We know how hard it has been not seeing family and friends, but please do not shake hands or hug anyone that is not from your household.

Please ensure you keep 2m apart from anyone who is not in your household, inside and outside of the church.

The yellow tape on the floor will help you.

Do not gather in groups before you enter or when

There is a
one-way system in
the church.

Please follow the
signs



We have introduced a one-way system throughout the church.

The arrows on the floor will help you and stewards will guide you to where you can sit.

You may choose to wear a face covering inside the church



It is not compulsory to wear a face covering/mask whilst inside the church, but you can choose to wear one if you wish.

We are sorry, the toilet facility will be unavailable



During this time, our toilet facility has to remain closed.

Please do not touch any of the statues



Please do not touch any of the statues inside or outside the church.

All kneelers will be in the 'down' position and should stay down. If you need extra leg room, please speak to a steward.

Leave kneelers in the 'down' position

If you pick up a newsletter, please take it with you

If you change your mind, please bin it. Do not put it back



Copies of the weekly newsletter will be available in the lobby. An online version will continue to be available on our parish website.

If you pick up a newsletter, please take it with you. If you change your mind, do not put it back. Place it in the bin to avoid the next person picking up the same newsletter.

The same applies to Mass Intention envelopes.

If you would like to light a candle, please ask a steward to do it for you



The candle stands are now all on the right-hand side of the church.

If you would like to light a candle please place your donation in the hole in the wall, indicate to the steward if you are paying for a white or red votive candle, and the steward will light it for you.

Please do not light candles yourself and do not bring your own candles.

You may leave a donation in the basket on the sanctuary



If you would like to leave any other donation, including mass intentions or sanctuary candle request, please place your donation in the basket on the sanctuary.

Please do not give envelopes to the stewards.

If you need to pass on a message to the parish office regarding your donation, please put your donation in an envelope with a note inside or phone the parish office.

All of these measures have been introduced to keep you and those working in the church, safe. Please be alert when in the church and follow the guidelines.

In addition, please do not forget these basic hygiene principles:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and hot water for a minimum of 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (if you do not have a tissue), when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in a bin immediately and wash/sanitise your hands.
- Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

Whilst we cannot provide hand washing facilities, please ensure you sanitise your hands when you arrive and leave the church. It is advisable to then also wash your hands when you get home.

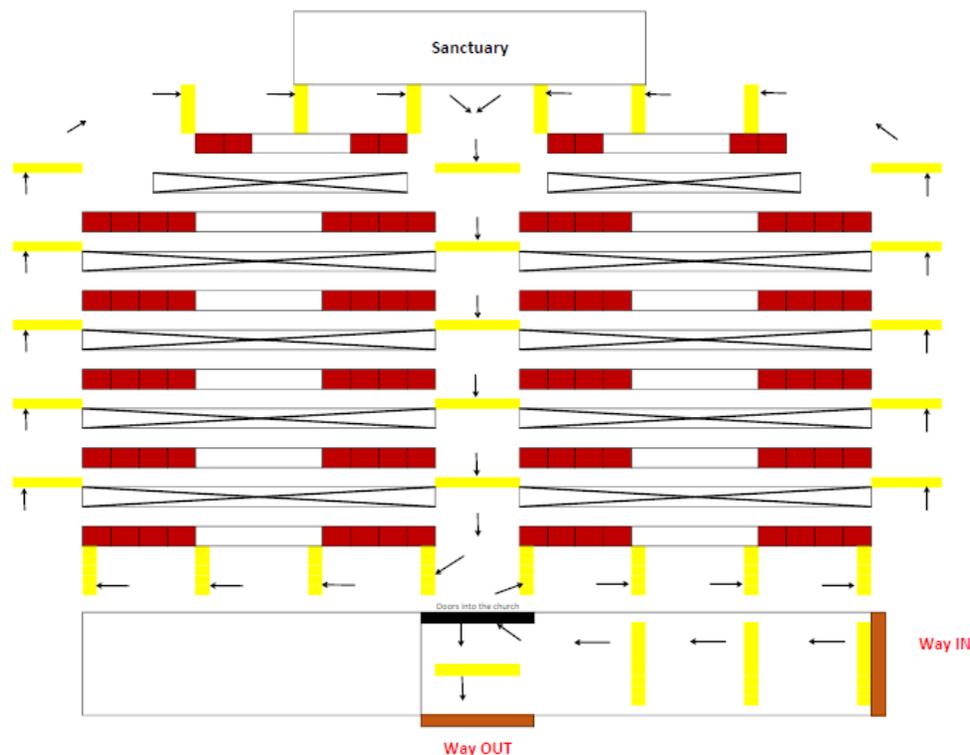
If you, or anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, please do not come to the church. If you develop symptoms and have been to the church, please contact Fr Agustin asap.

Please consider carefully whether it is safe for you to come to the church at this time, especially those that are shielding and are considered vulnerable.

Think about how you will travel to the church. Avoid public transport, walk or cycle if you can. Please note that parking will only be available at the front of the church. The old school car park will be closed.

Weather permitting, while the church is open, the Peace Garden will also be open. There will be seats available for up to 6 people to sit outside, at a safe distance and pray.

WHERE CAN I SIT?



To maintain social distancing, some benches will be unavailable. Where a bench is available, please sit at either end. Do not sit in the middle.

You can sit together as a family, if you all live in the same household.
Two families of four can sit on the same bench.



2 couples can sit on a bench.



2 individuals can sit on a bench.



A steward will be available to help you find a seat.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

*We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life,
allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.*

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people around the world in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (also known as the Apostleship of Prayer). This is an organisation that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network here

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/pop-es-global-prayer-network> or

<https://www.popesprayer.va/>

A reflection on this month's prayer intention is available on the diocese website, which you are invited to read. We can contemplate on how "Our prayer, with the Pope in both his monthly and his new daily intentions, is always oriented towards changing our own hearts, preparing ourselves for mission in whatever life situation we are in. For almost every person on the planet, that situation changed drastically since before Lent this year. We are only just beginning to learn and to reflect on how much of that change is permanent, on how much life has changed forever. Many indeed are suffering, whether through illness or by watching loved ones fall sick. Part of us longs for a return to normal, leading us to examine what we meant by that normal, and to face our fears that it might never return. Therefore, it is important not to let fear control us; the love of the Heart of Christ will be our great strength".

And so we are invited to pray, now more than ever.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

There is a tradition in the Church of dedicating nine days of prayer to the Heart of Christ, which this year will start on Thursday 11th June and conclude on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on 19th June. There are many variations of the novena available and this year we are invited to pray a novena composed by the Pope's Prayer Network Director in London, which is available online at

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/novenas/novena-sacred-heart2020>

Each day the Novena is presented in an Ignatian way and includes a Spiritual Exercise.

Here is the Novena Prayer, which you can pray every day, even when you can't pray the rest of the meditation:

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you'. I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care of me and for all who are dear to me. My intention for this Novena is dear to me and I know that what is important to me is important to you. Hear my prayer (mention your intention); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 14th June, 8.10am

This Sunday 14th June, the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at **8.10am on BBC Radio 4**, will be broadcasting Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from Westminster Cathedral.