

ST MELLITUS PARISH

Mass Times
Sunday at 11am
Wednesday at 10am
Confession by appointment only

The Presbytery, Tollington Park, N4 3AG

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COVID SECURITY AT CHURCH

DO

- ❖ Wear a face covering while at Mass
- ❖ Sit at a reasonable distance from those you do not live with
- ❖ Use hand sanitiser when you enter and when you leave
- ❖ Enter and leave through different doors
- ❖ Receive Holy Communion row-by-row at the direction of the stewards
- ❖ Receive Communion on your hand only
- ❖ Light candles from pre-lit candles
- ❖ Place your offerings in the basket provided
- ❖ Get your vaccines

DON'T

- ❖ Come to church if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to isolate



August 2021

Dear Friends, as we continue to live with COVID-19 we need to make sure that our church remains a safe place to gather for Mass. Even though most restrictions have been lifted it is good practice to maintain some of the habits we have become used to, to ensure the virus doesn't spread. Our revised in-house rules are listed at the side of this page and we encourage everyone coming to our church to abide by them.

August is traditionally a quiet month in the parish and I hope that those who are able to take a break will find refreshment and a good break. I myself hope to take a break in September and be ready to resume much of usual pattern of parish life afterwards. But one important thing we can do now is think about the numbers coming to Mass and our Mass times.

The pandemic has had an effect on people coming to Mass. About half have returned to Sunday Mass while others have gone to other churches or feel more comfortable joining in online Masses. Others feel unable to return to Mass on a regular basis. We now have an average of 90 people attending our 11am Sunday Mass with room for more. I hope you will agree that there is a strong sense of community at this Mass and a prayerfulness and responsiveness which we should treasure and build upon.

As we plan for the future it is important to hear what you think about the time of our Sunday Mass. I don't believe our numbers warrant 3 Sunday Masses, but I invite you to let me know your response to these questions?

- Would you prefer to come to a Saturday evening Mass at 5.30pm, 6pm or 6.30pm?
- Would you prefer to come to a Sunday Mass at 9am?
- Should the existing Sunday Mass begin at 10.30am or 11am?

You can let me know in person or by email. Or you can complete the questionnaire available in church. Any changes will be made during September.

May the Lord who has walked with us through this COVID storm continue to lead us on and may Mary strengthen us and intercede for all who are in need at this time.

May God bless you and those you love.

Fr Paul

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our parish has suffered a huge loss of income, especially from your weekly offerings this past year (£13,000) and we need to make up for the loss. We are unable to claim any government COVID support, except furlough for our parish Secretary. So we need you to seriously review how much you give and the way that you give your offerings which cover the day to day running of our parish.

- ❖ If everyone was to make a weekly offering of 1 hour's pay or at least **£5 per week** we can be more confident that we can afford our costs.
- ❖ The best way to help is to set up a standing order with your bank with these details:

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- ❖ If you use offertory envelopes, new boxes of envelopes are now available from the church after Mass. **BUT** we would rather you switched to a standing order.
- ❖ Perhaps you are able to make a one off donation to help us recoup our lost offerings. You can **donate online**, at www.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark or give it to Fr Paul directly
- ❖ Always sign a Gift Aid form if you pay UK income tax

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Parents wanting to baptise their children need to be baptised Catholics, who attend church regularly and are known to the priest. For weddings, 6 months' notice is required and couples need to attend a pre marriage course and complete much paperwork.

You can contact Fr Paul directly:
tollingtonpark@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH REGISTRATION

Many thanks to all who have completed a parish CENSUS form. This is so important as we move forward and rebuild our sense of belonging to the parish community. If you haven't done it already, or are new to the parish, please fill in a census form next time you are in church.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We have a large building and grounds to maintain, keep clean and tidy and we need volunteers to step up and help. In particular we need a "handy – person" to do minor repairs, gardeners to keep the garden tidy and weed free and cleaners to Hoover the church. If you can commit to helping with these essential jobs, please contact Fr Paul.

READERS, MINISTERS AND STEWARDS

We would like to invite our existing readers and anyone who would like to read at Mass to make contact so we can arrange a rota and training if necessary. We want to welcome back our servers and anyone who would like to commit to being a server at Mass. Our stewards have been great welcomers this past year, so we invite anyone who would like to join in this ministry of welcome and stewarding to make contact so we can arrange a rota. For all these ministries please speak with Fr Paul

OPEN HOUSE

As part of the legacy of our organ restoration we will be opening the church to the general public on the weekend of **4th / 5th September**. This will allow visitors to come and see the church, discover what we do and learn about the organ and the soldiers in whose memory it was dedicated. Please do come along yourselves and invite your neighbours too.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next JP meeting will be on Monday 20th September at 7.30pm. We invite all who are interested in promoting Justice and Peace Action in our parish and community to join us. Contact Jo at jo.bownas@btinternet.com for more details.

COMBONI SISTERS

The sisters are so grateful for our ongoing support. Please keep your donations of small change coming.

VACANCY FOR SITE MANAGER

At St. Peter's & St. Gildas' Infant & Junior Schools
The governors are seeking to appoint a Site Manager with excellent organisational skills to ensure that our school sites are managed and maintained to a high standard. The successful candidate will be a professional self-motivated manager with a 'can do' attitude committed to delivering excellence for our pupils and families every day. If you would like more information or an application pack please email admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk (Closing Date: Wednesday 8th September 2021)

ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT

Our Organ Project is coming to an end and we thank Emma and Kirsten who have led such an amazing restoration and associated projects. We can see and hear how beautiful the organ is in church but we encourage you to visit the organ website to learn so much more about the history and music projects which are just as important parts of the story. You can learn about the soldiers of WW1 whose memories are celebrated by the organ and you can watch and listen to various podcasts about local history and music. Please do visit www.stmellitusorgan.co.uk and if you want to sponsor a pipe in memory of a loved one or a cause, you can fill in a Sponsorship form in the church porch or make a donation online.

LIVING SIMPLY

Laudato Si - *Extracts from Chapter v Global inequality*

The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet Inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations.

The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming.....

We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.



COP26

In November the COP 26 meeting will take place in Glasgow and it is hoped that Pope Francis will join world leaders as they make decisions to save our planet from the effects of climate change. In the run up to this meeting we are asked to pray for its success. One of our parishioners has been inspired to write this prayer and we invite others to follow suit and submit a prayer to use in preparation for the COP26 meeting. You can email your prayer to the office over the coming weeks.

Lord, we thank you for the wonders of nature you have created. Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace and Reconciliation, help and guide all of us to be true caretakers of your creation. May those who seek to unite and mobilise finance at the Glasgow COP taking place this year, recognise and stop the misuse of public funding for military armament. Lord Jesus, You raised all peoples above man-made distinctions - no race is superior to another; no one has the right to wage war. Unite us as true caretakers who do not waste wealth on arms makers and war profiteers. Lord Jesus, may You awaken the human conscience and help us to be true caretakers of your creation, who have a united vision and take united action to protect and progress in peace. Amen.



Please Pray for...

- ✘ All of our sick and housebound parishioners and all in care homes, hospitals and hospices:
- ✘ Our children, parents and staff at Christ the King School
- ✘ Those who have died recently: Odile Rene & Christina Shillibeer.
- ✘ Those whose anniversaries are in this month: Julia Murray



Public Mass Intentions

Fr Paul will celebrate Mass in private for all other intentions

Sunday 1 st August	11am Benito Zanna RIP; Ugo Lagos RIP
Wednesday 4 th August	10am Margaret Sullivan RIP; Julia Murray Anniv, Kathleen Bradley Int, Myra Lidstone Int
Sunday 8 th August	11am Julia Murray Anniv; Gertrude Rwiza, Flora Ngirwamungu RIP, Mervyn & Myra Stephenson RIP
Wednesday 11 th August	10am Margaret & Ambrose Int; Bernie Smith RIP
Sunday 15 th August	11am Michael Galvin Anniv; Bridie McGahern RIP
Wednesday 18 th August	10am John Reilly RIP; Holy Souls
Sunday 22 nd August	11am Pat Spratt RIP; Josephine & Alfred Okereafor RIP
Wednesday 25 th August	10am Ann Quinlan RIP
Sunday 29 th August	11am Martin Flynn Anniv
Wednesday 1 st September	Bridie McGahern RIP; Bernie Smith RIP
Sunday 5 th September	Benito Zanna RIP
Wednesday 8 th September	Mervyn & Myra Stephenson RIP
Sunday 12 th September	Kathleen Bradley Birthday Int