

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>MON 15th June</b>	Feria	Florence Doherty RIP Philomena Carberry RIP.
<b>TUES 16th June</b>	St. Richard of Chichester	Mary Mill and Family RIP Hugh and Clare Slevin Intentions (Wedding Anniversary)
<b>WED 17th June</b>	Feria	Elizabeth Hanley RIP Cardinal Basil Hume, Anniv.
<b>THUR 18th June</b>	Feria	Marie Lineham Intentions Matilda Hamilton RIP
<b>FRI 19th June</b>	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Valentino Jephifanovous Intentions Cecilia Arku Intention
<b>SAT 20th June</b>	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Fr Emile Frische Intention (Golden Anniversary of Ordination) Toni Baloqun Intentions
<b>SUN 21st June</b>	<b>+ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish Rosa De Paoli Intention

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored for our Key Workers Intentions

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE**– We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be consoled by the love of the Heart of Jesus.

### MAKING CONTACT AT HOLY ROOD

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**Other Parish Contacts:** Safeguarding Representatives: Siobhan Garibaldi, Andrew Danquah and Bridget Basnayake **Important new app:** <https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

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## Sunday 14th June 2020 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The story continues to unfold:

*Today is the feast of Corpus Christi and what a wonderful day to announce that we will soon be able to come back in to the church to be in the sacramental presence of Jesus our Saviour. An email went out to nearly 500 people this week. However over 60 of these bounced back and that means that we do not have the correct email in our database! For that we are sorry. What follows is the content of the email and we look forward to hearing from those parishioners who are able to help.*

**We had a meeting of the local clergy – priests and deacons – as we have decided to open up the churches in our area from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Every parish will depend on volunteers and the more we have the easier it will be to open up the churches. A number of you (our parishioners) have expressed desire, willingness but unfortunately due to age or health, you are not able to take part in this endeavour. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND and DO NOT WANT YOU TO FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS. For the rest of us here is the plan and I hope that in the light of these days and times, you will be able to offer one hour either every week or every fortnight or once a month – depending on your circumstances.**

**If we have enough volunteers we will open at these times:**

Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 10am-1pm, Tuesday 10am-12Noon  
Thursday 1pm-3pm, Friday 6pm-8pm.

**Church cleaning will take place at these times:**

Friday 8pm-9pm, Saturday 1pm-2pm, Monday 6pm-7pm  
Thursday 11am- 12Noon, Friday 10am-11am

Thank you to all who responded already and offered their time for these endeavours. COULD WE PLEASE ASK YOU – if you are able to choose a slot please do so and let us know your individual timings so that we can draw up a rota. The ideal would be to take on a ONE-HOUR slot for the STEWARD-SHIP during the opening of the church. OR you could offer to be part of a small team to clean the church which should not take any more than one hour. We look forward to hearing from you via email with your preferred option and a mobile number.

Thanks again for your willingness and co-operation in this – it truly is a TEAM EFFORT.

**Who can volunteer?** You can volunteer if you are: fit and healthy, below 70 years of age

**You should NOT volunteer if you:** are over 70, have certain pre-existing health conditions, are self-isolating or shielding.

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Psalms week 3

Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford



**HAIL HOLY QUEEN** Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

#### **SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP**

Dear All, we continue to follow the Bishops' Conference guidelines which decided that **ALL** public forms of worship should be suspended in our churches

As the country begins to look ahead at the easing of restrictions that the Coronavirus has brought about, the Bishops too are looking ahead. The first stage of the guideline that has now been given is for us to open our churches is for **INDIVIDUAL PRAYER ONLY**—the Government's understanding of this is that there would be no involvement of a minister, nor would it permit a group of individuals to pray in common—e.g. a group saying the rosary. This will be at the heart of us being able to open up our churches and so we will follow these guidelines.

Also things will naturally change for us—hand gel will be a requirement, there may also be the **use of masks** and gloves as we enter the building. This will all be to **PROTECT** the lives of others. It may seem strange but we will be so **HAPPY** to have the church open again, we are sure that we will do whatever is necessary. **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

In the meantime—

**THE MASS ONLINE.** If you have access to a computer or smartphone you can follow a live-streaming of Masses online by going to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or <https://rindow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

**PROVIDING SUPPORT DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.** Whilst many of us will have family and friends to support us during the current situation there may be members of our community who will find themselves in need of help and assistance. If you require help during this difficult time please contact the parish on 01923 224 085. Fr. Derek and Fr. Joseph will work with the parish volunteer groups, including the SVP, to try and assist you as much as possible.

***As our SECOND round of phone-calls come to an end, THANK YOU for all the encouragement you have offered us. It has truly been a blessing being in contact with so many of you. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COULD CALL US. There are over 700 on our list so some people may be missing.***

*As we are experiencing at the moment, fear is our greatest enemy because it immobilises us and closes us in. On the contrary, the life of God within us, which we call the Holy Spirit, opens the doors of our own heart to others, hence making us share the message of the Gospel with those around us. Some of the walls we build around us are created by our sins, our judgments and resentments. Thus the first work of those who receive the Spirit of God is to forgive and reconcile*

**CAFOD— have spent £300,000 so far on efforts to help those in most need.** Some examples are: emergency relief packages to 1,100 families in Sri Lanka, PPE for St. Albert's Mission in Zimbabwe, Food packages in Colombia. **THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO CAFOD OVER THE PAST YEAR.**

**A number of people have asked the question as to why we are not streaming our daily Mass. We feel that there is such a variety of churches offering this service that it is not necessary for EVERY church to do this. There is also a tendency to get caught up on numbers and priests might begin to boast as to how many they have watching. St. Paul tells us that the only competition amongst us must be love. So we try.**

**On Sunday 14th June the Sunday Worship Programme at 8.10a.m. on BBC RADIO 4 , will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. Those who cannot see Mass on a computer or smart phone may like to listen to Mass next Sunday.**

**MASS REQUESTS/OFFERINGS** If you would like to offer masses for your intentions, please phone the parish number and dial 3 for Fr. Derek or 4 for Fr. Joseph to book a Mass over the phone.

**Watford Food Bank continues to receive contributions. People can leave things at the presbytery or you could donate financially—**  
[www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk)



We need new volunteers from churches in Watford and the surrounding areas to join our experienced Street Angel / Chaplain team to be a positive, reassuring presence on the streets of Watford town centre as Watford gets back to work.

Please apply to join us if: You can volunteer at least 2 hours during the working week, or on Saturday.

You can walk, cycle, or drive into Watford town centre. You have the support of your church leader and your household.

We will provide training and uniform for your safety

Find out more and fill in either application form (Street Angel or Chaplain) at [www.watfordtcc.org/volunteer](http://www.watfordtcc.org/volunteer) and return it to [office@watfordtcc.org](mailto:office@watfordtcc.org)

Please apply asap. Thank you.

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Chaplaincy is a registered charity no.1101281

**Thank you to all who contribute using the Standing Order method—it provides for the church in these times of need.**

#### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Camillo D' Souza, Florence Doherty, Philomena Carberry, Brenda Braithwaite, Ina Hillard, Ken Pettifer, Philip McMichael, Antonio Savino, Milckey Rodrigues, Antonia Messere

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Cardinal Basil Hume  
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord