

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 22nd June	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	Theresa Ann O'Donoghue RIP Margaret Lee Intentions
TUES 23rd June	Feria	Yvonne Rosemary Green Intentions Sonia Murray RIP
WED 24th June	Nativity of John the Baptist	Thanksgiving Intention Florence Doherty RIP.
THUR 25th June	Feria	Mary Mill and Family RIP Andres Sebastian Acero RIP
FRI 26th June	Feria	Christopher and Maurice Malig RIP Annie Reddin RIP
SAT 27th June	St. John Southworth	Christopher and Maurice Malig RIP Fred Maguire Anniv
SUN 28th June	+ SS Peter and Paul	People of the Parish Fr. Joseph's Intention

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored for Paul Gallagher— 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.

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Sunday 21st June 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE TIME HAS COME—OUR CHURCH IS OPEN ONCE MORE—ALLELUIA

Our thanks to our parishioners who have helped us to get to this stage—those who have cleaned the church, those who helped prepare the pews by covering them, those who made and put up the signs. It has been a very busy week here in Holy Rood but very worthwhile. Also thanks to our parishioners who have been able to offer their time as either stewards or cleaners. We have tried to minimize the efforts needed for cleaning which is why the church looks VERY DIFFERENT. We are living in a strange time and so it might not seem that strange. We would like to encourage our parishioners to wear a face mask whilst in the church. Each person who comes in to the church will be asked to sanitise their hands and to do the same as they leave. Entry to the church is from Percy Road and due to a ONE-WAY system, the Exit will be past the Lady Chapel, to the courtyard and out through the side door on Percy Road. So we are OPEN for prayer:

Saturday & Sunday 10am-1pm, Tuesday 10- 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

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.**

Other Churches in the Deanery will be open too—here are a few details.

St. Helen's—Watford North— Open EVERY day 9am-12Noon and 3pm-5p.m.

Our Lady and St. Michael's - Garston—Sunday 9.30-11am

St. Bede's—Croxley Green—Saturday 4pm-5pm (commencing 4th July)

Our Lady's—Rickmansworth—Tuesday 10am-11am, Saturday 10am-11am and Sunday 3pm-4pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. John the Evangelist -Bushy and Oxhey Tuesday 10am-12Noon and 5pm-7.30p.m

St. Joseph—Carpenters Park—Fridays 11.30-12.30pm and Saturday 2pm-3pm

Some sad news—Fr. Joseph's dad (Bertrand) died on Friday. Let us pray for the Happy Repose of his soul and also for all the family that they may feel the comfort needed at this sad time. His death was NOT related to Covid19.

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Psalms week 4

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 or <https://rcdow.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.

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.

Today Jesus is putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his people

Watford Food Bank continues to receive contributions. People can leave things at the presbytery or you could donate financially—
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 and return it to 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.
Month of May—£ 5238.00**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

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