

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 29th June	Feria	Ray Attwood Anniv Nancy Power
TUES 30th June	Feria	Bertrand Okoro RIP Camillo De Souza RIP
WED 1st July	Dedication of the Cathedral	Kitty Lisserman Anniv Maria Grimaldi RIP.
THUR 2nd July	Feria	Bertrand Okoro RIP Paddy O'Connor RIP
FRI 3rd July	St. Thomas Apostle	Bertrand Okoro RIP Kathleen Tobin Intention
SAT 4th July	Feria	Brendan Hunt Anniv Pauline Jenkins Anniv
SUN 5th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish Cecilia and Noel Finn Intention

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored for Fred Maguire Anniversary

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 28th June 2020
SS PETER AND PAUL

A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th of July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist. We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to *"do this in memory of me."* We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4th of July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.' We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people. Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist. Yours devotedly in Christ Archbishops ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Malcolm McMahon OP, Bernard Longley and John Wilson,

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Psalms week 1

**Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford**



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT AT THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS. MANY PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO “attend” MASS ON-LINE and THOSE MOST VULNERABLE CONTINUE TO BE SHIELDED AT THIS TIME.

Bearing in mind that things will not go back to the norm as before we have looked at the Bishops’ and Government recommendations and for the time being we are going to offer Mass on the following days/times FOR A MAXIMUM OF 45 PERSONS AT ONE MASS. This means that everyone thinking of attending ONE MASS per week MUST REGISTER THEIR NAME—details to follow after the timings. THIS DEPENDS ON HAVING ENOUGH CLEANERS FOR THE DIFFERENT TIMES!

SUNDAY—8am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 5pm
Monday—12Noon & 6pm
Tuesday 8.30am & 12Noon
Wednesday 12Noon & 6pm
Thursday 8.30am & 12Noon
Friday 12Noon & 6pm
Saturday 10am & Sunday Vigil 6pm.

The first public mass will be on Saturday, the 4th of July at 6pm (Sunday Vigil). These Masses will be in accordance with the Government guidelines reiterated by the Bishops’ Conference guidelines. The Mass will be shorter than usual with a brief homily, no intercessions, etc., Offertory gifts can be left in designated baskets on entry or exit of the church building. This is “to minimise the time that people are congregated in the church building.”

CLEANING MUST TAKE PLACE AFTER MASSES. So we are in need of a team of cleaners for the following masses: AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES, Monday 12Noon, Tuesday 12Noon, Wednesday 12Noon, Wednesday 6pm, Friday 12noon and Saturday pm. WILL YOU BE WILLING TO HELP IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED ONE OF THESE MASSES?

HOW TO REGISTER YOURSELF TO ATTEND MASS SO THAT WE DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 45 people.

The easiest way is to phone the office during these times:

Monday 10am—12Noon
Wednesday 11am—1pm
Thursday 12pm—3pm, 4pm—6pm
Friday 11am—1pm
OR SEND AN EMAIL TO watford@rcdow.org.uk

Obviously this is only a beginning and will give us a capacity of over 600 people being able to attend Mass here in the church and not exceeding the Government requirements. PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP FOR MASS IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED AND HAD A CONFIRMATION EITHER BY SPEAKING TO SOMEONE OR RECEIVING AN EMAIL BACK.

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/>

SS PETER AND PAUL— WERE ROCKS UPON WHICH JESUS BUILD HIS CHURCH— THEY REMAINED FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION HE GAVE THEM.

Last week we “celebrated” two anniversaries. Fr. Joseph has now been ordained 3 years and he celebrated this on Wednesday 24th. The day after was the anniversary of Deacon Neville’s ordination to the Diaconate. Deacon Neville has been a Deacon now for 14 years. How time flies when...

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.

CHURCH CHAIRS READY FOR COLLECTION—those of you who requested a chair or two and would like to collect them soon, please contact Fr. Derek or Fr. Joseph to arrange a convenient time.

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.

Frances Novillo, Lead Chaplain 07483 178582
frances@watfordtcc.org Watford Town Centre 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

Berthrand Okoro, Raymond Mangan, Camillo De Souza, Florence Doherty, Philomena Carberry, Brenda Braithwaite, Ina Hillard, Ken Pettifer,

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray Attwood, Kitty Lisserman, Brendan Hunt, Pauline Jenkins
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord