

Parish News

Reopening the church for Mass. First of all, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding in these difficult times for us all. It has been so good to see some of you coming back to the church to pray with Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. The atmosphere in the church has been beautiful, and everyone has been careful to observe the guidelines we have been given.

We are now moving to the second stage of the opening of the churches. This is for Mass. It means that you will be able to pray at Mass and to receive Holy Communion, if you wish. It will be the Mass, but it will be the Mass in its simplest form, and it may look and sound rather different from what you are used to – but it is still the Mass. We are not returning to 'normal'.

For example, I need to remind you all that at the moment there is still no Sunday obligation, and we will continue to broadcast the Sunday Mass. If you do not work, please consider coming to a weekday Mass, when there will be fewer people. We will no longer be broadcasting the weekday Mass.

These are things you will need to know when you come to Mass.

- ◆ At present, there will be no need to reserve or call ahead to say you are coming. That may change if numbers increase.
- ◆ You will need to bring your own face covering and wear it during Mass. This applies to anyone over the age of 11. This is to keep us all safer.
- ◆ You may need to wait to be seated. Please follow the instructions of the stewards and sit where they ask. I know this may mean that you will not be able to sit in your usual seat. People who live together should sit together.
- ◆ The Cardinal has given permission for some non-essential parts of the Mass to be omitted. This includes the bidding prayers of intercession. This is because the risk from the virus is lower the less time people spend indoors together. There will be no singing.
- ◆ Some intentions will be combined into one Mass. Fr Sudham and I will use our public and private Masses to ensure that all intentions are offered.
- ◆ You will see a big change in how you receive Holy Communion, which the priest will explain during Mass. The stewards will show you up to the altar row by row, with the distancing in place. You will receive the Body of Christ *standing* and *into your hands*. I know that, once again, for some of you this will be the first time in your life that you've received Holy Communion standing and I thank you for your generosity in doing this for the safety of all.
- ◆ You will return to your place for the closing prayer and blessing. You will be able to leave your offering in a basket by the door. You are asked to leave the church as quickly as possible by the exits either by the Grotto or at the back.

Please look regularly at the website, or *Facebook*, or the newsletter or the doors of the church where we will advertise Mass times. These may change. For the weekend of 4/5 July Mass will be at 6:30pm on Saturday, and 9:00am and 12 noon on Sunday. There will be no Sunday evening Mass. Starting on Monday 6 July, during the week there will be Adoration from 9:30am until Mass at 10:30am after which the church will be closed for cleaning. There will be no public Mass or opening of the church on Thursdays, as the building will be deep cleaned. Once again, I would like to thank the volunteer stewards who are making all this possible, and I would like to thank all of you for your understanding during this emergency.

Mass Times/Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration Times Week commencing Sunday 5 July 2020

Mass

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Monday— Wednesday :10:30am

Thursday: Closed for 'deep cleaning'/Mass said in private, will be available on YouTube

Friday: 10:30am

Saturday: 10:30am

Church closes after all Masses. Please note now that the church has reopened for Mass *YouTube* Mass will only be available on a Thursday and Sunday.

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 9:30am—10:30am

6:00pm—7:30pm

Tuesday: 9:30am—10:30am

6:00pm—7:30pm

Wednesday: 9:30am—10:30am

6:00pm—7:30pm

Thursday: Closed for 'deep cleaning'

Friday: 9:30am—10:30am

6:00pm—7:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am—10:30am

Confession

At Call

Readings at Mass

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9—10

Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:9. 11—13

Alleluia Verse: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25—30