

The Parish of Our Lady & St Hubert

Parish Newsletter



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Solemnity of Saint Peter and St Paul 27th/28th June 2020

Saturday 27 th	Private Mass	Christina Patterson
	Private Prayer from 5:00pm - 7pm	
Sunday 28 th	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th	Private Mass	Noreen Heart
Wednesday 1 st	Private Mass	Fr Roger Sp.Intention
Thursday 2 nd	Private Mass	Angela Maguire RIP
Friday 3 rd	Private Mass (St Thomas)	Maria Garofalo RIP
Saturday 4 th	Private Mass (Our Lady on Sat.)	Sr Teresita RIP
	Private Prayer from 5:00pm - 7pm	

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th/5th July 2020

Sunday 5 th	Optional mass at 10:00am	People of the Parish
	Church opens at 9:45am and closes after mass has finished	

The church will be open for private prayer next Saturday and for Mass next Sunday.
 There is no obligation to attend mass.

On Saturday 4th July the church will be open from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for private prayer. On Sunday 5th July the church will be open from 9:45am for mass at 10:00am. Although public mass is being celebrated here next Sunday it should be understood that during this period of social distancing there is no obligation to attend mass at church. The Bishops of England and Wales' temporary dispensation from the Sunday obligation still stands. Attending mass therefore is an optional and individual choice. If you fall within the extremely vulnerable category of shielding and have received specific personal instructions from the Government not to attend religious services then, obviously, you must not attend. Nothing in any church guidelines seeks to overrule any Government advice given to an individual. Indeed if you are unsure or concerned about this at all my advice to you would be to stay safe at home. Please also stay away from the church if you are showing clear symptoms of the coronavirus.

If you are intending to come to church for private prayer or for mass (at the times published) please be aware of the following restrictions:

- Unless there is a medical reason that prevents you from wearing one, you will need to bring and wear a face mask or visor
- There will be no toilet facilities available
- The church doors will be locked until 5:00pm (Saturday) and 9:45am (Sunday), so please do not arrive before

these times as this will create an unnecessary gathering outside of the church.

- Social distancing will be maintained at all times
- There will be only one votive stand, near the Lady chapel, available for the lighting of votive candles.
- Gatherings around statues (or anywhere within or outside of the church) should be avoided.
- Please do not touch the statues.
- Ushers will direct you to your seats to help maintain social distancing and to keep the necessary cleaning down to a minimum.
- If you need a cushion to sit on you will need to bring your own cushion with you (since the church cushions have been removed from the pews).
- There will be a one-way system in operation in the church - again to help maintain social distancing.
- A newsletter will be available as you exit the church (to be taken with you).

Tess Chilton Tribute page.

There is a beautiful tribute page (with some wonderful pictures) for Tess down: www.theresachilton.muchloved.com

Spiritual Communion.

Although you are still unable to attend mass at church I continue to encourage you to follow a Sunday service online using one of the many broadcasts available online down www.mcnmedia.tv. Although you cannot receive Our Lord in

the Blessed Sacrament at the moment you can make a Spiritual Communion (*see above prayer*):

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (*St Alphonsus Ligouri*)

Parish Collections:

During these difficult times the last thing in the world I would want to do would be to place any undue financial burden on you - so that is the first and most important thing. This is not in any way a request or an appeal for money. However, if you do want to continue your donations during this current lock-down there is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan website - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. From there donations which can also be gift aided and can be made to any parish via credit or debit card. There will however be a transaction charge levied by the card processing company of 20p + 1.9% of the value of the donation. Another way of donating is to set up a standing order. To do this you need to download and printing-off and fill in the Standing Order and Gift Aid instructions and send them to me to fill in the parish bank account details and forward it on to the

diocese. The forms and instructions are available online down [Archdiocese of Birmingham Finance Resources](#)

Please Pray for...

All those affected by the Coronavirus (See Novena below)

Sick Clergy of the Diocese: Frs Peter Blundell, Peter Gilsenan, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Paul Chavasse, David Bazen, Ivor Morris, Gabby Maguire, Joe Tynan, Michael Crumpton, Graham Wilkinson, Michael Stack.

The sick of the parish. Especially Evelyn Knight, Teresa Stanley, Pat Walsh, Kath O'Grady, Gabrielle O'Grady, Roberta Crowther, John Lloyd, Lilly Rogers, C. Connolly, Edna Edwards, Barbara O'Brien, Derek Campbell, John Sawford, Terence Rose, Marion King, Christine Connolly and Margaret Kelly

Those who have died recently: Jean Marie Williams and Tess Chilton.

Please Pray for the following Clergy who have passed away recently: Fr Timothy Burke, Fr David Duggan

For those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Marien Foxall; Joseph Ruclerawy; Ann, Linda Eileen Cole; Thomas McCamley; Elizabeth Woodward; Lily Rising; Mary McNelis; Ann Luley; Michael Joseph; Sean McCullogh; Gledsey Lyle; Sheila Dawning; Charles Greens; Eva Purdue; Kathleen Tumelty; Catherine Grant; Joan Fiddes; Mary Murphy; Gordon Edwards; Pauline Stubbs; Hilda Bible; Nancy Walsh; Nigel Patrick O'Neill, Catherine Duffy; Winifred Mary Dewar; Margaret Young; Windsor Peck; Kenneth Durrington; Patrick Harvey; Fred Jarvis

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 July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. 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.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

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. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. 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 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. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. 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. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

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 I have loved you,” said the Lord Jesus, *“so you must love each other.”* (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. 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

- ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

This letter is addressed to the Catholic Community in England; the opening of the Catholic Churches in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly who are still evaluating their position on opening Places of Worship.