

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 12TH, 2020

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE AS WE OPEN OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC MASS.

Our two churches: St Joseph's and Sacred Heart opened for limited public Holy Masses on July 5th, 2020. We are offering only four public Masses weekly in our churches, instead of the usual 9 Masses, excluding funerals and weddings. This will be reviewed regularly depending on the turnout of parishioners and the availability of volunteers to help us worship in a safe environment. Let us know if you would like to join our team of volunteers. Please follow the directions of the church stewards. Sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church, and avoid touching or physically venerating the statues or relics. Let me also remind you that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect. In as much as we would love all of you to come to Mass, know that you are not obliged to come. Your health and safety are of paramount importance to us. Those at higher risk from COVID-19, and those not feeling well, anyone with a fever or cough of any sort are encouraged not to come to church at this time. Be reminded that a visit from a priest (for the Holy Sacraments of Anointing and Eucharist) is possible, while observing the usual precautions (mask, sanitizing, etc.).

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday July 11 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	John Field RIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.30am	11.30a m	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Evelyn and Norman Wood
Monday 13 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
Tuesday 14 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
Wednesday 15 th <i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 16 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
Friday 17 th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 10.00am - 10.30am		Holy Mass Rosary and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Special Intention
Saturday 18 th <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	11.30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish People of the Parish

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

A person's word is very precious, a very sacred thing, and the basis of trust; it is the ultimate foundation of any relationship. A false word, on the other hand, is so insidious; it breaks trust and undermines relationships. This is summed up in the expression, "One is only as good as one's word."

Today's liturgy is all about God's word. We celebrate God's word as a living, efficacious, trustworthy word. That is, it is absolutely faithful; it always does what it says. God says: My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. So shall the word be that goes forth from God's mouth. Jesus likens God's word to the seed that brings forth an enormously abundant harvest far beyond anything that anyone could imagine. God's word is creative, God simply says the word and it happens, as in the beginning, "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." And God's word does more: it conserves, sustains, redeems, sanctifies, and saves; it heals, forgives, and reconciles; it fosters faith, engenders hope, enkindles love, instils peace, and gives life. God's word changes bread and water into body and blood. And finally, God's word is spoken so powerfully in Jesus that Scripture sees him as the very personification of God's word.

God's word is not restricted only to humanity, but it is extended also to the whole of creation. Every week we hear God's word read and proclaimed and celebrated in the liturgy.

We have only to do what Jesus tells us in the gospel, "Hear God's word and heed what you hear."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS all those whose anniversary occur at this time. May they rest in perfect peace.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

FR STAN'S DROP IN

If you need to speak with the Parish Priest you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm (Sit-out at this time). No appointment needed.

PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in July to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY. Our Families:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

OFFERTORY AND FUNDRAISING July 5th The Sacred Heart:

Gift Aid £235, Non Gift Aid £322, Total £557
Various Past 2nd Collections £54

St Joseph's

Gift Aid £631, Non Gift Aid £676, total £1307
Bonus Ball Donation £15

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection today for Apostleship of the Sea - a Catholic charity, focused on the pastoral care of seafarers while they are away from their homes and families.

SUNDAY MASSES July 5th 2020

Last Sunday we resumed public Masses in our two parish churches with 45 parishioners in attendance in Sacred Heart, and 25 in St. Joseph's. We thank the Church Stewards / Volunteers who are making the churches safe for us to worship.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Listen to the person behind the words

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

MORE IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP CONTINUE:

Below are some additional information from the Diocese on the public celebration of Holy Mass, Infant Baptism, Marriage and Visit to the sick. Note that though we can have infant baptism it has to be outside Holy Mass times. Call the Parish office to book a date for your child's baptism.

1. Readers should sanitise their hands before and after reading, or be supplied with single-use gloves, and should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word, apart from page turning.
2. Ministers of Holy Communion who will assist the priest come forward, cleanse their hands and receive Holy Communion under one kind. They should then cleanse their hands again before receiving their ciborium from which they remove the covering or pall if it is still in place.
3. Mass cannot be celebrated outside of a church within the boundary of the parish property. If a Catholic parish school or its grounds is to be used for Mass, a separate risk assessment has to be done, the appropriate school authority (Governing Body or Trust) has to give its permission, and both the parish and school insurers should be informed before the event takes place.
4. The number of people attending "life-cycle ceremonies" is capped at 30 people. "Life-cycle Ceremonies" are defined as "religious ceremonies to mark rites of passage, which are separate, self-contained ceremonies as opposed to marking a life cycle event or rite in the course of routine communal worship."
5. Baptisms should not take place during Mass (in order to reduce the time that people are gathered in a church building) but at a time separate to any communal worship. Baptisms which take place in our churches should be for single families; multiple family baptisms are not encouraged as the mixing of people from different family groups increases the risk of virus transmission. The child to be baptised should be held by the parents only. Other members of the family, including godparents and grandparents should be socially distanced. The whole of the Rite should take place around the font to avoid the excess movement of people in the church building. Clothing with White Garment, Lighted candles and Ephphetha are omitted. The church should be closed after the Baptism has finished in order to clean the space around the font.
6. The maximum number for marriages is 30 people and this "includes all those at the ceremony, including the couple, witnesses, officiants and guests. It also includes any staff who are not employed by the venue, which may include photographers, security or caterers. It does not include staff employed by the venue." All Marriages at this time should be outside of the Celebration of Mass. Music can be played at the wedding if pre-recorded, or an organist may play.
7. On the Pastoral care of the Housebound (Sacrament of the Sick and Home Communion Visits). Please note that visits to multiple homes is discouraged by Government guidance as this risks multiple households. At present under Government guidance people from two different households may meet indoors so long as they are socially distant. With that in mind, we have to consider whether each individual visit is necessary, particularly if the visit is to a vulnerable person. It is for each priest and deacon to assess this.