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Newsletter for Sunday 5 July 2020 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2

Towards Resuming Public Masses

The opening of the church this past week for private prayer has been running very smoothly with a steady flow of people coming in to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Some have been quite emotional. Thank you to all who have helped make this possible with the stewarding and cleaning of the church. As many of you will be aware, now, thanks be to God, the Government has given permission for churches to open for the public celebration of Mass *from* 4th July. It will be a great joy to see you all and be able to celebrate the Sacraments together again after all this time. However, a lot needs to be put in place before this can happen. So, regrettably, public Masses will not resume immediately, but we are working towards doing this as soon as we can. As was the case with opening for private prayer, there are risk assessments to be completed as well as many practical things to be organised; so we are probably talking about a couple of weeks time. There will be a limit of 56 people able to be in the congregation at any one time in accordance with social distancing rules. Masses will be shorter, no singing is allowed for the time being and there will be some other changes to help to ensure safety which I will communicate to you nearer the time. Hand sanitiser must be used and the church will have to close for cleaning after each Mass. In addition to those who have kindly acted as stewards and cleaners for the private prayer sessions, we will need more volunteers who are under 70, and with no underlying serious health conditions to provide help with these roles. Please let me know if you are able to help.

As the four Archbishops of England and Wales wrote in the letter I sent out last week (and which you can find on the parish website), at this stage we are clearly not returning to normal, and it is important to reaffirm that, **at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended**. Therefore, it would be really helpful if some parishioners would consider attending Mass on a weekday instead in order to help us manage the numbers. It is likely that a booking system will have to be put in place. Once I know exactly how this will work I will let you know. There will also be one or two changes in the Mass times to help as many people as possible to attend. Of course, some of you may still feel uneasy about coming back at this time, and that is fine.

May God continue to keep us all safe; and let us continue to implore His mercy and to pray hard for an end to this pandemic and for the full restoration of the sacramental life of the Church. Do penances and offer up your sufferings and trials. May Our Lady of Fatima, St Michael the Archangel, St John Henry Newman and Blessed Antonio Rosmini pray for us.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	4 th	6.00pm	Dominic Bombardini RIP
Sun	5 th	<u>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	For the Parish
		11.00am	Peggy & Mike Joe Enright RIP
Mon	6 th	9.15am	Irene Concannon RIP
Tues	7 th	9.15am	Con Carmody RIP
Weds	8 th	9.15am	Letitia Knezebich RIP
Thurs	9 th	9.15am	Headteachers, Teachers, Staff & Pupils of St Mary's, Sacred Heart & De Lisle Catholic Voluntary Academies
Fri	10 th	9.15am	Fr Paul Gillham – Anniversary of Ordination
Sat	11 th	<u>Saint Benedict, Abbot (Feast)</u>	
		9.15am	Intention for the living
		6.00pm	Intention for the living
Sun	12 th	<u>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Katie Mercer RIP
		11.00am	For the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS: Although the times of Masses have been left on the weekly calendar, the priests will not necessarily offer Mass at those specific times, but the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

**NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR),
we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased
in the online edition of the newsletter.**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Monsignor Georg Ratzinger and Winnie Fox. **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Di-Niro, Janey Affleck, Jane Butler, Doreen Dilkes, Donato Buttarazzi, June Cammish, Richard Smith-Currie, Howard Selvedge, Brenda Curtis and Idelma Chiasserini

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of JESUS. The tiniest drop of the Precious Blood would have been worth the salvation of everyone who has ever lived. Every human human being, regardless of sex, race or colour has the same red stuff flowing through their veins as JESUS had. This must surely unite us all as human beings. In the traditional Roman calendar this Feast is celebrated on 1st July. Our Father Founder, **Blessed Antonio Rosmini** had a great devotion to the Precious Blood and he died on this Feast in 1855 and the Rosminians now celebrate his Feast on 1st July. The Precious Blood which we worship is the same that Our Lord shed on Calvary, that He reassumed at the Resurrection and now flows through His veins in His glorified, risen body in Heaven. It is the same Blood that is made present on our altars at the Consecration of the Mass and that washes us clean in the Sacrament of Confession. "Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, save us!"
Fr Paul

PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD:

Almighty and eternal God, You have appointed Your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant we beg of You, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through Its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Eternal Father, I offer You through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Precious Blood of Your Son for the relief of the suffering souls in Purgatory.

MISSIO: Thank you for your donations to Missio over the past year. You raised **£512.81** during 2019.
Marie Brookes

THANK YOU to those who continue to support the Parish financially in these difficult times and especially to those who have kindly converted to Standing Order or sent a donation by cheque through the post.

CONFESSIONS: If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Confession, please ask me.
Fr Paul

**ST MARY'S WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

Mondays 10.30am-12.30pm

Wednesdays 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Sundays 3.00pm-5.00pm

Please note: Hand sanitiser must be used on entry and exit and there is a single directional walkway which is indicated.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

LEADER: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

ALL: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

LEADER: Bless our families. Bless our children.

ALL: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

LEADER: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

ALL: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY AGAINST DISEASE

Priest: The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. That very Star is now worthy to encompass the world, whose wars cut down the people with the sore of dreaded death.

All: **O glorious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honours Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.**

FROM THE SAINTS: “The whole sanctuary and the space before the altar is filled with the heavenly Powers come to honour Him who is present upon the altar” (*St John Chrysostom, ca. 347-407*).

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