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## Solemnity of the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul - 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**First Reading.** Acts 12:1-11: The lives of Peter and the other disciples are threatened by Herod.

**Responsorial Psalm.** 33: "From all the terrors, Lord, set me free".

**Second Reading.** 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18: The writer speaks of a life poured out like a libation.

**Gospel.** Matthew 16:13-19: Peter, the rock, the keeper of the keys, has to remember that his task is first and foremost to follow Jesus.

### Intentions for the Masses celebrated by the Fathers this Weekend

Saturday: **Mary Hopgood RIP**  
Sunday: **Patrick and Nora Dunne RIP**  
**Rev. David Maskell RIP**

### Saints of the Week

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Saint Cassius of Narni  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June: The First Martyrs of the See of Rome  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Saint Oliver Plunket  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Saint Swithun  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Saint Thomas, Apostle  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Blessed John Cornelius

## The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

### Public Celebration of Mass in England and Wales

Following the recent Government announcement that Places of Worship will be able to **re-open** for **Services** from **July 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2020**, Bishop Richard Moth has written to announce that Masses may be celebrated publicly once again in the Diocese from next weekend. The Bishop asks for your continued understanding about the use of hand sanitiser and social distancing measures in Church, and adds his voice to that of the Bishops' Conference in asking everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued, and the instructions given, in each Church.



With regard to the public celebration of Mass and minimising the risk of virus transmission, the Archbishops of Westminster, Liverpool, Birmingham and Southwark have written to all Catholics in England: “It is important to re-affirm that, at present, **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended** ... 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 ... 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. 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”.

Following what the Archbishops have written regarding the possibility of the Faithful attending Mass on a weekday rather than over the weekend, we have decided to celebrate our daily 6:00 p.m. Mass in the **Church** rather than in the **House Chapel** from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 until further notice.

### Our Sunday Eucharist and COVID-19

Here at the **Sacred Heart Church**, we understand that the current situation has been a testing time for everyone, but also that we need to ensure we are still able to care for you and your spiritual needs. That is why we have been working to adapt the way we will now have to publicly celebrate the Eucharist so that we can begin to welcome you back as safely as possible.

Every single decision we have made, and every step we have taken, has been with a focus on the safety of you, the Faithful, and of our Priests. We appreciate that things will feel a little different to your usual experience, and that you may be concerned, so here is some information on how things will look and feel for the time being.



We must adhere to Government (Public Health England) Guidance and so are restricted to the **number of people** we can allow **in the Church** at any one time. The Government maintains that a **‘two metre’** social distance is required where possible, and that ‘one metre plus’ is only permitted where a mitigation of risk is also applied. We are advised by the Bishops’ Conference that in the case of Catholic Churches this would mean the **compulsory** wearing of a face covering for all Members of the Congregation and for the Priest celebrating Mass. After careful consideration, we are forced

to the conclusion that we can only allow **sixty-eight (68)** of the Faithful attend any one Mass: **fifty-four (54)** in the main Church and **six (6)** in the Choir Loft and **eight (8)** in the Side Loft. The places where people can sit are clearly indicated with a green sticker. We appreciate that this may cause inconvenience to a number of people who usually attend our Masses and we can only apologise in advance.

The **doors** at the main and side entrances will generally be left wide open **before** and **after** Mass so as to allow people to enter and leave Church without having to touch the door handles.

We ask that you **sanitise your hands** with the 'hands-free sanitiser' that is provided at the main and side entrances to Church and that you avoid touching the door handles of any of the interior doors. All door handles will, however, still be sanitised before and after all Services in Church.

**Missalettes and Church Newsletters** will be available at the Church entrances - please take copies for yourself. We ask that you **take** them home with you and **do not leave** them in the Church after Mass.

Although there will be no **Holy Water** provided in the font/stoop at the main and side entrances to Church, miniature bottles of Holy Water that are handy for your pocket or handbag will be available to use and for you to take home.



The **places within the pews or the chairs** where people should sit **will be clearly marked**, and one of the 'Stewards' will show you to your place. Families can sit together but again do please adhere to the 'two metre' social distancing rules with regard to all other individuals around you.

If **lighting a candle**, we ask that you ensure you take just the candle(s) you are going to use and light it/them from the candle already burning at the side altars.

There will unfortunately be **no Altar Servers** during this time, and we can only look forward to the time when our young people can again serve the Lord at the altar.

With regard to **Offerings**, collecting bags will **not** be passed from person to person, but rather will be held by the individual Usher who is asked to move around the benches and then take their respective bag to the altar. The Offertory Procession is suspended until further notice.

There will be naturally no invitation to shake hands during the '**Sign of Peace**'.

The Priests will sanitise their hands **before** and **after** distributing Holy Communion, and this will be given with the Communicant **standing** at the altar rails **silently** and in the **hand** only. Holy Communion will be distributed to those in the front pews first and people are asked to wait in their places until it is their turn to move forward to the altar rails, and then move back to the pews in an orderly manner.



Those seated in the **Choir** and **Side Lofts** are kindly requested to remain in their places, until the Faithful in the main body of the Church have received Holy Communion, and then are asked to make their way to the altar rails.

Please leave Church, **with the leaflets you have used**, in an orderly way allowing plenty of space for each person leaving around you.

There will be no traditional greeting by the Clergy after Mass as the Bishops' Conference asks that the Faithful are encouraged to return home and not remain around the main entrance to Church.

**After Mass** we will have a team of volunteers on hand to sanitise all the benches, chairs, altar rails et al that need to be disinfected.

We hope that with the above instructions you can rest assured when visiting the Sacred Heart Church that every reasonable precaution has been taken to ensure the safety of everyone. This is our top priority as we begin re-opening our doors and return to sharing the Celebration of the Eucharist with you. If you have any questions at all regarding this guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Father Julio or Father Martin.

### **The Sacred Heart Church Website**

We encourage you to visit the website for the Sacred Heart Church in Sunningdale which you can find at: <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com> and from there you can follow the 'live stream' of our Services in the House Chapel by introducing the password: sacredheart. Thank you to all who are able to follow. It is very encouraging to receive your feedback so that we can continue to improve our service to you. Our next appointment online will be:

### **Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 11:30 a.m.**

If you know of anyone from the Sacred Heart Church who would like to receive our Newsletter and updates, please do not hesitate to send us their e-mail address so that they can be added to our mailing list, always though after asking their consent.

For those who do not have access to a computer or to the internet, we can always send a copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Liturgy by post, and so we would be obliged if you could pass on your/their name and address, and if appropriate, always after asking the person's consent.

### **Weekly Appointments**

- On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** we will have the third meeting of the **Study Group** which is open to anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of faith and Christian discipleship. The meeting follows the methodology of a 'book-club'. This week **Study Group** will discuss two sections of Chapter 5 (*pages 87-122*) of the book entitled, "**Divine Renovation. From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish**" by Fr. James Mallon, a Diocesan Priest in Canada, who is the Founder of the worldwide 'Divine Renovation Ministry'. Due to the prevailing conditions of 'social distancing', the meetings will continue taking place over the internet through ZOOM. Updates on the meetings will be given in this Newsletter and on our website. You are most welcome to listen and share, and most of all, to be inspired by the ways God is leading each one of us to renew our faith and our call to discipleship.
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning.
- Three **attachments for the Sunday Eucharist** are sent via e-mail on **Saturday** afternoon, namely:
  - The Sunday Liturgy with **Mass Readings and Prayers**;
  - The Sunday Gospel Page with **quizzes for children**; and
  - The Sunday Liturgy, with Bible quotations from the Liturgy **for the young**.
- A moment of **silence and private adoration in our homes** is encouraged on **Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- The **Lectio Divina Meeting**. Every Thursday a handout is sent by e-mail to those who have signed up, or it can be downloaded from the 'Sacred Heart Church' website. For those who would like to pray with us, the Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting on line is on **Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.** through the ZOOM.US application. You can find the ID code for the Meeting on our webpage. Mrs. Nuala Bambury (07989982849) has kindly offered her availability to assist those who might need assistance to be able to join in.

- A **Decade of the Rosary** in communion with **Churches** in other parts of the world **every day at 10:00 p.m.**

Pope Francis has been encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their homes especially at a time when the Covid-19 Pandemic is making us more aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together at home under 'Lockdown'. He encourages reciting the rosary and, if possible, to join on-line Rosary initiatives in praying to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19.

### **Mission Intention for July 2020: Our Families**

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

### **Solidarity**

Our faith in Christ encourages us to offer prayers for, and to show our solidarity with, the most vulnerable in society especially with the straitened financial circumstances that the present economic recession due to the COVID-19 Pandemic is placing on many families.

The '**St. Anthony's Box for the Needy**' remains open, and you can always place a donation in an envelope marked 'St. Anthony's Box' and drop it through our letterbox or send it in the post. The total to date of this hardship fund is some **£11,730.35p**, with **£10,592.00p** already gifted. Many thanks indeed.

**Sunday Collection:** Sincerest thanks for the **£525.00p** received over the past week through our letterbox or through the post. We would like to warmly thank those who have dropped off their weekly-giving envelopes or sent their Offerings by post over recent days (*although we do appreciate that not everyone is able to do this!*), and those continuing to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through their regular **Bankers'/Standing Order**. All very much appreciated in these difficult and uncertain times, and with the normal church collections presently suspended.

If you have not signed-up for weekly or planned-giving envelopes for the new Tax Year (*April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2021*) and would like a set of envelopes, or if you would like to set up a Bankers'/Standing Order to donate to the Sacred Heart Church, and by extension to our Missions and Missionaries in the South of the world, please drop us a note with your details either by e-mail or by post.

### **Prayer Requests for this Week**

"The Lord is near to those who call on Him,  
who call trustfully upon His name" (Psalm 145:18)

For **Mary Hopgood RIP**, the **mother of Mary Williams** who died on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020** five days after losing her beloved husband, **John**. We express our deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences to Mary and all the Family on the great pain of losing both Mary and John within days of one another. May they be strengthened in their hope of eternal life.

For **Patrick Dolan RIP** who died on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**. The burial will take place at St Jude's Cemetery in Englefield Green on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.

For **Conor Cusack RIP** from Tralee who did much as a fundraiser within his community and died on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

For **Beverley Jameson RIP** who slept in the Lord on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** at the age of 109.

For **Ketty Lennan RIP** who died in Guildford Hospital on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

For **Kay Sampson RIP**.

For **Tom Foley RIP**, Sonia Clarke's uncle who passed away recently in Tralee (County Kerry) Ireland. We pray for his wife, Patricia, and their son, Gerard.

For **Molly Oatley RIP**, sister of our dear Peter Black.

For **Sue Cleworth RIP**, late wife of David, who passed away on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

For **Father Anthony Wolstenholme mcccj RIP** who passed away on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020**.

For **Sheila Goldsmith RIP** who passed away on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020** and her husband Ken.

For **Matthew Oliver Dickinson RIP** who passed away, aged just 20, on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

For **Elizabeth Reynolds RIP**, the elder sister of Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who passed away on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

For **Colin Eastland RIP** who passed away peacefully on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

For **Elvira Bucu RIP** who passed away on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**.

For **José Manuel Pardo-Seijas RIP** who passed away on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

For **Marcia de Mariveles RIP**, the late wife of John, who passed away peacefully at her home on **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

For **Richard Himsworth RIP**, who passed away recently.

### **Your prayers are also requested for:**

#### **Almeda Family.**

**Tony Wilson** who recently suffered a fractured shoulder and broken ribs, and is now back home.

**Terence Pike** recovering from a fractured hip.

**Ken**, who has been admitted to hospital.

**Ka Wai** in poor health.

**Teresa Watts**, the mother-in-law of Pauline, who is recovering from a stroke.

**Janice**, who is now at home recovering from a surgical operation.

**Alan Rhoda.**

**Margaret Bamford.**

**Pat** suffering from depression.

**Kim P.** who is housebound and dependent.

**Paul Davis (son)** suffering from coronavirus.

**Helen Giffith-Swain**, suffering from cancer.

**Joy Minis and Alec.**

**Rosemarie Butler** recovering from Coronavirus and recently out of an ICU.

**Bridget** who is suffering from a shingles viral infection.

**The O'Sullivan Family.**

**Harry**, a seventeen year-old who committed suicide, and for his grief-stricken **parents**.

**For all those who are suffering from depression.**

**Mary Tanner.**

**The Family of Richard Himsworth RIP.**

***We would like to encourage you to keep in touch and not to hesitate to ring or send an e-mail to share with us how you are managing to cope in such challenging and times , and how the Community or the Fathers may be able to assist you in any way. Thank you!***