

Those Covid rules in full (updated):

- The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.)
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- There are no hymn books or Mass books.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- You are free to bring your own Missal with you.
- There is no Holy Water in the stoups.
- There is no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There are no Bidding Prayers.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets.
- There is no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken as you leave the church.
- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.
- Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- Please remove your mask (if wearing one) to receive Holy Communion.
- As you leave do not linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.
- People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

All Hall users please note the following:

- The Hall has to be well ventilated. The windows in the loos are to be kept open. When the Hall is in use the street door must be propped open. Windows to be closed when you leave.
- After you have used the chairs, place them stacked in place with a note on them saying when they were used. When you use chairs, pick the stack that has been used least recently. This is to ensure that the use of chairs is rotated.
- The capacity of the Hall is 30 people.
- Enter the Hall from the link; leave by the street doors; please respect this one way system.
- Do not form queues by the loos.
- Children must be accompanied when they use the loos.
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please wash your hands after using the loos.
- Please respect social distancing.
- At Hall events, the organisers need to note who is attending, for any track and trace measures. These names and contact details must be kept for three weeks.
- Every time the Hall is used, it has to be cleaned afterwards.

Gift Aid Envelopes.

For anyone who has not collected their envelopes please note they are stored in the cupboard in the porch at the back of the church.

Offertories.

Sunday 2 Aug: £1,477.62
Sunday 9 Aug: £1,328.55
Sunday 16 Aug: £1,375.78

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Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

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Mass Intentions for the week starting 23 August

Sat 22 Aug 6pm - Mayance van Twest RIP
Sun 23 Aug 8.30am - Holy Souls
Sun 23 Aug 10am - Sophie Johnstone RIP
Sun 23 Aug 11.15am - For all parishioners
Mon 24 Aug 10am - Clergy and religious RIP
Tue 25 Aug 10am - Rosie O'Brien RIP
Wed 26 Aug 10am - Dominic O'Brien RIP
Thu 27 Aug - No Mass
Fri 28 Aug 10am - GE Breda Kelly
Sat 29 Aug 11am - First Holy Communion Mass
Sat 29 Aug 1pm - First Holy Communion Mass
Sat 29 Aug 6pm - Annie and Donal Rogers RIP
Sun 30 Aug 8.30am - Marie Hall RIP
Sun 30 Aug 10am - For all parishioners
Sun 30 Aug 11.15am - Tara Longley RIP (4 anniv)

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday of the Year. If you have a Missal the readings are from Year A. If you have a phone with internet connection, you can find the readings and all the prayers at universalis.com The first reading, from the prophecy of Isaiah, God dismisses Shebna from office, and gives the power of the keys to his replacement, Eliakim. In the Gospel, Jesus gives the power of the keys, and with it the power to shut and open, lose and bind, to Peter, the Rock on which He will build His Church. From the earliest times this passage has been seen as the foundation of the pre-eminence of Saint Peter and his successors, the bishops of Rome, who are the Vicars (that is, representatives) of Christ on earth. Thus, while Christ is the Head of the Church, we refer to the Pope as the visible head of the Church on earth. Also in this passage we receive the promise that the Church will never be destroyed by the powers of evil, as the gates of the underworld will not be able to hold out against it.

Please note the daily schedule of Masses in the list of Mass intentions and the openings of the Church in the evening in the schedule of confessions, both elsewhere in this newsletter. Please note too that the Parish office is still shut as our parish secretary is still away.

Liturgical Notes.

August is the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.
Monday is the feast of Saint Bartholomew, apostle.
Tuesday is the feast of Saint Louis.
Wednesday is the feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi.
Friday is the feast of Saint Augustine.
Saturday is the feast of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist.

We have finished the Confirmation season (five masses instead of the usual one). Many thanks to all those who helped out and who made it such a success, especially our readers, servers, musicians, catechists, flower arrangers and others. There were many positive comments from visitors. Many congratulations to the newly confirmed themselves.

Now we are moving on to the First Holy Communion season with a number of Masses, the first two of which are this Saturday. Needless to say, these replace the usual 10am Mass on Saturday and scheduled Confessions. Please pray for all our First Holy Communicants and their families that this will be a joyous milestone for them.

Have you seen our new door? It is in fact the same old tower door, but it has been scraped and oiled and looks incomparably better. This was one of the works that we were asked to do by the diocese in our last five yearly report, which was somewhat overdue.

We have received the welcome news that the late Marie Hall, who many of you knew, and who died last year, has left us the sum of £2,000 in her will. We will use this money to reduce the outstanding debt for the new stained glass window. Let us pray for Marie, and her family, and all our benefactors. Next Sunday one of the masses is for her eternal repose. Let us continue to pray for all our benefactors.

The debt for the stained glass window is now £3,348.56.

We have received the sad news that Eileen Davey, a member of the Union of Catholic Mothers, died suddenly at home on 12 August. May she rest in peace. Let

us pray for her family. Funeral arrangements will be published when known.

We have also heard the sad news that Kathleen McMahon has died, having received the sacrament of the sick and the Apostolic Pardon, at home, on Monday 17 August. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family. Her funeral Mass will take place here at Saint Peter's at 10am on Tuesday 1 September.

We have been reliant since July on a very dedicated team of Stewards who have been on duty while the Church has been open in the morning on weekdays, and also for Sunday Masses. Some of the team have now gone on holiday or returned to work after furlough. Would anyone like to join the team? (There are certain restrictions imposed by the government on who can and cannot volunteer, unfortunately. Please ask.)

Our Parish Team met on Tuesday 18 August. This group exists to advise the parish priest and undertake and monitor initiatives in the parish. This meeting was a relatively informal one, the first after lockdown, and will try to explore the way ahead. One of the things we discussed was the need to improve our website, and the question of streaming.

Our Parish Social Club had its first meeting last Friday. We were visited by Catherine Burnham who is head of Cardinal Newman Primary School in Hersham, Surrey and who talked about the challenges of running a school in a time of Covid. The next meeting will be this Friday. All are invited to the Hall, for tea, cake, chat and other activities.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are

for you to take away with you and ponder over. *544. How does Jesus teach us to pray?* Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the Our Father but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

545. Why is our prayer efficacious? Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

546. How did the Virgin Mary pray? Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

547. Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel? Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfilment of the divine promises.

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte and Jenny Essex, Charlotte Lloyd.

Times for Confessions.

Over the next few weeks, the First Holy Communion children are making their first confessions. The times are as follows for them, and everyone else who wishes to go to confession. One hopes at least one of these slots will be suitable for you! Remember, God is calling you to go to Confession, if you are reading this! (You are kindly asked to let the children go to the head of the queue, if there is one – one hopes there will be.) Please note this list is constantly being amended.
 Saturday 22 August 10.30-11am
 Sunday 23 August, 6-7pm
 Monday 24 August 6-7pm
 Tuesday 25 August 6-7pm
 Friday 28 August 6-7pm

Forthcoming Events.

Friday 28 August, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Saturday 29 August, 11am: First Holy Communion Mass.
Saturday 29 August, 1pm: First Holy Communion Mass.
Tuesday 1 September, 10am: Funeral Mass of Kathleen McMahon RIP
Friday 4 September, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Saturday 5 September, 11am: First Holy Communion Mass.
Saturday 5 September, 1pm: First Holy Communion Mass.
Saturday 12 September, 11am: First Holy Communion Mass.
Saturday 12 September, 1pm: First Holy Communion Mass.

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