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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: TWELFTH SUNDAY: YEAR: A

Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week IV)

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary (memoria)</i>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family and Evelyn Venning.</p>
<p><b>Mass;</b> Paddy Morrissey RIP</p>	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:</b> <i>Twelfth Sunday of the Year: A</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOSPITALS</b></p> <p>A number of priests are still trying to maintain an ‘on – call’ rota for City and QMC. This is strictly calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life. The hospital will not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the Chaplaincy Team who may or may not be a Catholic minister. Holy Communion is not being taken into hospital by Eucharistic Ministers. Families should not contact a priest directly to visit their loved one in hospital – all requests need to go through the Ward and Chaplaincy Department. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext. 63799 or City 0115 969 1169.</p>
<p><b>Mass;</b> Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:</b> <i>SS John Fisher, Bishop &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Intentions of Eddie &amp; Rosemary Fowler (Goodhind)</p>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Salvatore Pitrolino RIP, Salvatore Vasco RIP, Croce Scanio RIP &amp; Rosa Vasco RIP.</p>	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>Birthday of St John The Baptist (Solemnity)</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Norma Brennan RIP (Cooke)</p>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Eileen Curtis RIP (Curtis)</p>	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Antonio Ferrara RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>Weekday Feria</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> John Ryan &amp; Family RIP (Anniversary)</p>	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>SS Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)</i>	
<p><b>Mass;</b> Paddy Byrnes RIP</p>	
<p><b>THE ABOVE MASSES WILL ALL BE SAID PRIVATELY AS ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!</b></p>	
<p><i>The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and the Parish Hall and the Church of St Francis of Assisi and the Parish Hall are closed to members of the public, until further notice. If you urgently wish to contact Fr Christopher please telephone 0115 922 8145 (at any reasonable time).</i></p>	
<p><i>For enquiries or to book a Mass, please also do this via the telephone. Stipends can be posted or given at a later date, but for the foreseeable future if you book, or have already booked a Mass Intention, then this Mass will be Celebrated in private.</i></p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

**LIVE STREAMING AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS WITH LINKS TO ACCESS LITURGIES BEING OFFERED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**THE PRIVATE CHAPEL OF THE BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM, BISHOP'S HOUSE.**

(Bishop Patrick McKinney & Father Jonathan Rose.) Bishop Patrick has created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live – streamed from the Chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to the Bishop's Facebook and Twitter accounts. After each liturgy a video is created from the live streaming and this can also be accessed on the Bishop's YouTube account.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ>

**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST BARNABAS, NOTTINGHAM**

Canon Malachy Brett & Father Mathew Neriattil

[http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html)

Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

Monday – Friday Mass at 1:00 pm

Saturday Mass at 10:00 am

**PARISH OF ST PAUL'S LENTON AND ST MARY'S HYSON GREEN**

Father David Palmer

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN\\_QQcfHqdzQG3g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN_QQcfHqdzQG3g)

Weekend Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Saturday

Ordinate Mass available to view from 6:00 pm Sunday

Listen to Father David Palmer's homilies on podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/fr-davids-homilies/id1481476061>

If you wish to take more opportunities to connect with Our Lord during this time, please use this useful link that lists all Prayer times, Rosary and Mass live links throughout your day in Ireland and the UK:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>



*Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham:*

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Fr Martin Sylvester's YouTube Channel can be accessed at [www.revms.uk/youtube](http://www.revms.uk/youtube)

**SCHOOL RESOURCES:** Resources available from The Nottingham and Derbyshire Catholic Multi – Academy Trusts: Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT (Nottinghamshire) <https://m.youtube.com/user/TheBecketSchool/videos> and St Ralph Sherwin CMAT (Derbyshire) [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M\\_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3M5M_ZNXU1ze-NS3pnZ4pA) (or

search SRS Chaplaincy) also if you visit our website there are lots of other resources too ([www.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.srscmat.co.uk) and click on Chaplaincy).

**POOR CLARES:** On May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 I visited the Sisters at Bulwell and took with me all the wonderful donations you had managed to give. The sisters were so grateful for your kindness, life has been quite difficult for them during lockdown and they rely on whatever is brought to their door. Despite the church being locked my car was full of donations which people had either left at the presbytery or delivered to my home – thank you all so much – it really was a huge help to the sisters. The Sisters have also kindly had a Mass said for the Intentions of all the Parishioners of the Assumption. I am visiting again on **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020** and if you wish to donate please would you continue to either leave at the back door of the presbytery or bring to my home. Our support is very important to them. Many thanks – *Diane Wilson*.

**MARY'S MEALS':** I am deeply moved by the way church leaders across the UK have embraced technology to reach out to their congregations at this time. You have inspired us to create a series of special messages especially for churchgoers. These short films will include updates on how Mary's Meals is feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort. The first message (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPJpA1hYPbw&t=7s>) shared in April, came from our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. I am pleased to now share the second message, from Mary's Meals' leaders in India and Kenya. Watch our new message at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>. For more information please visit [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/contact-us](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/contact-us). Please know that you in our prayers and Thank You for all your support. May the Lord bless and keep you – *Daniel Adams* (UK Executive Director, Mary's Meals).

**RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES:** The emphasis at the moment is on SOME CHURCHES – not all. There are many conditions which need to be adhered to and considered before Churches can be opened and, only for individual private prayer. This will require the completion of a Risk Assessment document, before permission can be granted for a church to re-open for private prayer only. Bishop Patrick has also communicated to the Clergy that Priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own and that we are not to feel pressured into fulfilling these requirements. He therefore expects that only a few of our larger churches in each Deanery will initially be able to re-open for private prayer.

Below is a summary of the guidelines and requirements sent out by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales:

Even before churches can re-open, there are some important preparations that will need to be made. In order to be ready, Parish Priests need to ensure the fundamentals of infection control are in place (which will protect those who are vulnerable) by doing the following:

1. Assembling a team of stewards to ensure that the guidance can safely be put into effect. The number of volunteers required will vary depending on the size of churches, but priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own. It is important that those in the team should not be drawn from those instructed to shield themselves, nor, as a general rule, from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus.
2. Securing sufficient supplies of alcohol hand gel, cleaning materials (including gloves for cleaners) and tape to mark appropriate distances on floors and to block off areas of seating. It is important to ensure that hand gel with anti-viral properties is obtained and this should be at least 65% alcohol: many hand sanitisers are only anti-bacterial and offer no protection against coronavirus.
3. Mark distances on the floor and block off pews/chairs to ensure adequate social distancing (2 metres/6 feet between each person) is maintained throughout the church. The maximum person capacity at any one time under the social distancing regime must be determined and this made clear to those entering the church, by way of clear signage.
4. Removing from the church all printed materials that are not designed for a single use. This would include service books, hymn books, CTS pamphlets etc.
5. Preparing appropriate signage, e.g. asking people to sanitise their hands, on entry and exit, not to touch or physically venerate statues or relics, clear entrance and exit signs, maximum safe capacity etc.
6. Maintaining as much ventilation within the church space as possible; keeping Entrance and Exit doors open decreases transmission risk through touching but also allows a flow of fresh air into the church space. If the church has windows that can be opened, these should be.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are working with our Public Health advisors, Public Health England and the Government in order to provide clear directives for the opening of our churches safely which minimises the risk of virus transmission. Considering the above understanding of virus transmission, the proposed directives are:

1. At least two stewards must be present in the church throughout the time it is open for prayer; the stewards must ensure that hand sanitisation occurs at entry and exit points, social distancing is maintained by people in the church and if a pre-determined capacity is reached, they prevent others from entering the church. (Through, for example, a "one in, one out" policy.) People with cold or flu-like symptoms should be asked not to enter.
2. Stewards themselves should practice good hand hygiene through either regular hand washing or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser. They should not eat or drink or touch their face unless they have immediately washed their hands beforehand and should maintain social distance within the church. They should ensure any cuts or grazes on their hands are completely covered with waterproof dressings. They should not physically assist people unless absolutely necessary, for example in an emergency for first aid.
3. An additional infection control measure would be to enter and leave the church via separate doors.
4. Alcohol hand gel should be provided at the doors, with notices asking people to sanitise their hands as they enter and leave the church.
5. Places where people can sit or kneel in prayer should be two metres apart from one another in all directions. Benches should be blocked off to facilitate this social distancing. People who are part of the same household can sit together but those not from the same household should maintain social distancing while in church.
6. The church must be cleaned fully **at least once a day**, using appropriate cleaning products and paying particular attention to touch points. Areas that are likely to be touched frequently (such as door handles) should be cleaned more often.
7. Cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant or detergent (including on pews) will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

8. Those doing this work must wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cloth or disposable paper tissues; first clean hard surfaces with detergent and water or detergent spray; **not** polish spray on its own. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces. Those doing this work must practice good hygiene: wash their hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, **especially** after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER ONLY:** This advice concerns only the opening of churches for private prayer. Further detailed advice will be issued in due course when public worship is safe to re-commence. This advice cannot be followed for other activities that may take place on parish premises, such as groups that would meet in church halls, **because at present these must remain closed.** This is because group gatherings at the time of writing are not permitted by law and social distancing cannot be monitored in an effective way with groups that meet socially or for other activities in our premises.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE MEASURES:** These measures may seem burdensome, or even a little daunting. They are however necessary, not least because if any churches are seen to be operating in a way that may increase the spread of the virus, there is a risk that stricter measures such as prohibition or enforced closure notices could be re-imposed by local authorities or even national administrations. It is our hope that with priests and their parishioners working effectively together, we will be able to open churches safely for private prayer, as a significant step towards the resumption of the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments.

At the moment St Barnabas Cathedral is able to offer limited opening. The opening times at the Cathedral will be **Monday to Friday 10:00 am – 12 noon** and; **Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

Given the above measures I have no plans at the present time to re – open the Churches in Beeston or Long Eaton for Individual Private Prayer only. But, I would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have. There is a “quiet place” at the Assumption adjacent to the Parish Hall, where we have the Grotto. Similarly, at St Francis there is the statue outside the main church where you would be very welcome to come and spend some time in quiet prayer at any time. I look forward to the time when we can once again come together as a Parish Community (in whatever way that may be), to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments.

### *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A*

Half way through June we are now celebrating “Ordinary Time,” the Twelfth Sunday of which. Easter is over; Pentecost and the Feasts that follow have concluded. We have entered into Ordinary Time again, a time of living and growing in our faith. Now we enter the Liturgical period where we will read primarily from the Gospel of Matthew, accompanying Jesus throughout this story, growing in our knowledge and awareness of Him. Matthew has long been known as the “Church’s Gospel.” We read the Sermon on the Mount, with its standard form of the Lord’s Prayer (as opposed to the shorter version in Luke). Matthew tells us about the giving of the Keys of the Kingdom to Peter, and he uses the phrase “upon this rock I will build my Church.” In fact, the very term “Church” appears in this Gospel alone among the others. With an Infancy narrative, Resurrection narrative and much material unique to Matthew, this Gospel is twenty – eight chapters long. Compare that to the sixteen chapters of Mark, which was considered something of a “Reader’s Digest” version of Matthew. So, it is not surprising that the Church placed this Gospel first in the Canon and preferred reading from it at Liturgies. Now we settle in to hear Matthew’s version of the Jesus story for much of the rest of the Liturgical Year.

In the Gospel Reading we hear today, maybe it is fitting that Jesus says to His disciples three times some variation of “Do not be afraid.” The disciples, and that includes us, are to be fearless. The basis of this fearlessness is the Father, who knows all – even the most seemingly – insignificant things that we do not know (e.g., the hairs on our head). The Father even knows each and every sparrow. We, each human being, is worth more than two sparrows (which themselves were worth only a small coin in antiquity). So, the disciples can rest assured: they can be fearless in facing the world, as they are worth a great deal in the sight of God. With this assurance, with this fearlessness, the disciples are emboldened to acknowledge Jesus and preach Him to the ends of the earth. The danger is for those who know Jesus and choose not to acknowledge Him before others. As far as they are concerned, Jesus will not acknowledge them before the Father.

Fearlessness ought to be a mark of Christian discipleship. It is a quality that motivated Jesus throughout His earthly ministry and allowed Him to face threats and violence. Fearlessness accompanied Him even as He went to His death. Not many of us will be called to make the ultimate sacrifice required for being a disciple of Jesus, though this does happen in parts of the world, even today. Instead, our own attitude of fearlessness can manifest itself in caring for those in need and for those on the margins of society. When we overcome our own prejudices and implicit biases, we are dying to ourselves and allowing the spirit of Christ to rise up within us. So, let us live as disciples of Jesus, facing the world in a fearless manner, knowing that we are worth a great deal in the sight of our loving God.

In a way, the stretch of the Liturgical Year between now and the first Sunday of Advent is our longest time of ‘regular life’ within the Church. We refocus on the everyday joys and challenges of living life in Christ. And today’s Readings seem to point to two great truths of discipleship. The first is that we are greatly loved. Our Creator has counted all of the hairs on our heads and we are infinitely precious to Him. Thus, we know, as today’s psalm proclaims, that the Lord hears us when we call out to Him and, “does not spurn His servants in their chains.” Which leads us to the second great truth: sometimes we will be in “chains.” Being a follower of Christ does not entitle us to comfort, luxury and safety; in fact, sometimes it will lead us in the opposite direction. Jesus warns the twelve apostles before He sends them out on mission that they will very likely be met with derision, even stating, “You will be hated by all on account of my name.” With such dire warnings, it is surprising the apostles didn’t walk away at that moment. Perhaps without Jesus’ assurances from today’s Gospel, they would have. Even if they have to face human hatred, they are to fear no one and nothing, for their souls are protected by the God of everlasting life. As we enter into this time of living and growing in Christ, we are called to sink deeply into these two truths: that discipleship will involve hardships *and* being deeply beloved of God.