



## THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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#### CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS

We are severely limited to the numbers able to attend each Mass. We can accommodate 72 parishioners in the church and 70 in an overflow in the main hall. Places at all Masses in the church and at the overflow in the hall will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Several seats will be retained for the elderly and their carers in the church. Stewards will be available to help parishioners to their seats. May I remind you that the bishops have withdrawn the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, so for some it may be better to attend a weekday Mass for the time being.

#### Track and Trace

When you arrive for Mass, you will be given a short enquiry form provided by the NHS *Test and Trace*. These forms must be completed and returned to one of the stewards at the door. They will be retained for 21 days and then destroyed. Additional forms will be available after all Masses for you to take home and complete anytime you visit the church during the week. Copies of this form are also found at the end of this email.

Those attending Mass in the church are asked to use the seats open for parishioners. The church is marked out to ensure that you are safely in a 2m distance from other worshippers. If you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, please do so, face masks will, however, **become mandatory from 8 August** in places of worship. If you are attending Mass in the Hall where the legal separation is 1m, then all present are already obliged to wear a face covering.

#### Stewards

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to the great band of stewards who day by day maintain the standards in the church, both before and after the daily mass and during the time when the church is open for private prayer. Some also help during the confessions on Saturday morning. Alison Lobo is responsible for the organisation of the stewards and I am very grateful to her for all she does to make it possible for us to comply with the requirements of the Archdiocese that enables us both, to have the church open each day for private prayer, and for Mass to be said again in public at weekends and on weekdays. If anyone would like to take on a role of steward, please have a word with Alison or contact her by email ([radar1972@hotmail.com](mailto:radar1972@hotmail.com)).

## **The Mass and Holy Communion REVISED**

I am grateful for the suggestions which have helped make the church more secure for the congregation. I encourage you to follow the following procedures at communion time. There will be no Prayers of the Faithful and no Sign of Peace. The biggest change is in the way we receive Holy Communion. Just before his own communion, the priest will raise first the host and then the chalice. He presents them to the congregation with the words '*The Body of Christ*', '*The Blood of Christ*' to which the congregation answers '*Amen*' to each act of faith. The priest then receives his communion and the congregation moves to the altar in a single line up the central isle to receive communion in silence. Please join the line for communion **from the back**, do not try to join the line at the top where communion is being distributed. Having received communion, please return to your seat by the side isle. Communion will be distributed in the hand only; you are encouraged to hold your hands at full length to receive the host. Any request to receive communion on the tongue will be refused.

**The collection** will not take place during Mass. Boxes will be made available near the exit points of the church where parishioners can make a contribution. Alternatively, there is the facility to donate online through the parish website. We will soon have the opportunity of using card payments, but more of that next week, when we hope they will be in operation.

## **Times of Services**

Mass will be celebrated for 72 people each day at 10am with additional evening Masses at 6.30pm on Monday and Friday. Masses on Sunday will be at 10am, 12noon, 5pm and 8pm. If numbers require it, we will increase the number of Masses both on Sundays and weekdays. Confessions will be on Saturdays at 10.30 - 11.30am and 1.30 - 2pm.

The church will be open for private devotions Monday - Friday from 11am - 2pm. There will be exposition during that time. There will be no private prayer on Saturday and Sunday, though the church will be open for confessions and services.

## **Music at the Sunday Mass (Non-Congregational)**

No hymns at Mass this week. We are only allowed incidental music and Cantors responses at appropriate times during the Mass.

## **IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Please pray for those who are sick; We pray for all affected by the Coronavirus and for Peter Brown, Samar Staussi, Lisa and Moses Mendoza, Harriette Cahill, Olga Herbert, Catherine Gapp, Peter Kosciolk, Brendan Hollingsworth, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, Donald Derx, Electa Almeida, Philip Chapell, Alec Smith, Alfred Quantrill, Edward Brauer, Michael Paice and Oscar Carrier-Sippy.

We pray for those who have died, Pauline Hearn, and all killed by the Coronavirus.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: David Powley, Thomas Cox, John Davidson-Parker, Colin Freeman, Felicity Hennessey, Janet Harrop, Bridget Hanna.

### **MASS BY PHONE**

For those who do not have internet and cannot come to church you can listen to Mass on the phone from St Mary's Cathedral, Middleborough. The number to ring is 01642 130120. Calls are charged at a local rate and free if included in your minutes.

### **HOSPITAL CONTACTS**

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know. Our main hospital is St Georges and the chaplain Fr Mark Higgins can be contacted on 020 8725 3069.

### **EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

You are invited to a study group on Zoom on Monday evening from 8 - 9pm or Tuesday morning from 11am - 12noon, to explore *Evangelii Gaudium* again which may help us plan a way forward when lockdown comes to an end. To join in, please let Sadie Smith know by email on [sadiesmith3@talktalk.net](mailto:sadiesmith3@talktalk.net). Sadie will then issue the invitations to Zoom.

### **OUR SACRISTAN RETIRES**

After many years of faithful service in the sacristy, I am sad to announce, that Michael Hamilton has offered his resignation. He is so associated with the workings of the church and the sacristy that he will be greatly missed. Hopefully, when this strange time is over, we will be able to suitably show our appreciation of Michael's work for the parish over the years. I hope we will soon be in a position to announce Michael's successor.

Every blessing on you all.

**Canon John**

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