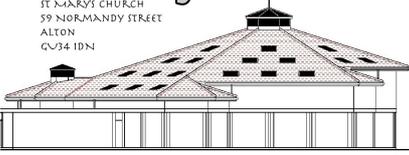


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PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME
(WITH RESTRICTIONS)
MASS INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 9th August, 2020
19th Sunday of the Year (A)

(Psalter Week 3)

Saturday	St. Dominic
5.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	19th Sunday of The Year
11.00am	Theresa Carter, RIP
Monday	St. Laurence
	W & L Winifred Plank, RIP (F)
Tuesday	St. Clare
	Intentions of Fr. James
Wednesday	Feria
9.30am	Victor Rickard, RIP,
Thursday	Feria
	Fr. Gregory Moore, RIP (Archdiocese of Southwark)
Friday	St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe
	The People of The Parish
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday
5.30pm	Johny, RIP
Sunday	The Assumption of
11.00	The Blessed Virgin Mary
	Joseph Parker, RIP
Confessions:	<i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i>

The Regina Caeli

Reader: *Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia*
All: *For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia - Is risen, as he said, Alleluia Pray for us to God, Alleluia.*
Reader: *Rejoice, and be glad. O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.*
All: *For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*
Reader: *Let us pray.*
All: *O God, you gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that we may obtain, through His Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

THE DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS IN PLACE

Mass is now being celebrated in St. Mary's but with restrictions. For full guidelines and to book, Please see Page 4

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Kings 19:9, 11-13

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading St. Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord ! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens !

Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Wednesday, 12th August—Feria

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22

Mark a cross on the foreheads of all who deplore the filthy practised in Jerusalem

Responsorial Psalm

Above the heavens is the glory of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Your precepts, O Lord, are all of them sure; they stand firm for ever and ever.

Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother..

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Please pray for the following clergy who take up their new appointments this autumn.

Fr. Chris Heaps moves to Reading, St. James and St. William of York as Parish Priest and becomes the Coordinating Pastor;

Fr. Bruce Barnes moves to Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham and becomes the Chaplain to the Heads and Principals of our schools;

Fr. Chris Rutledge becomes the Dean of Guernsey and moves to Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey;

Fr. Dominic Adeiza moves to Basingstoke Holy Ghost and St. Bede's as Parish Priest;

Fr. Benjamin Theobald moves to Holy Family parish, Millbrook as the Parish Priest and becomes the Priest-Chaplain to Southampton University;

Fr. Robert Stewart moves to St. Margaret Mary's, Park Gate as Parish Priest and continues as assistant Catholic Priest-Chaplain to the QA hospital;

Fr. Claro Conde moves to Blessed Hugh Faringdon in Faringdon as Parish Priest;

Fr. Emmanuel Rinda (Bamenda) moves to Corpus Christi and St. Joseph's Portsmouth as Parish Priest;

Fr. Elijah Fru (Bamenda) moves to St. John's Cathedral as Assistant Priest with specific pastoral care of the Cathedral parish under the direction of the Dean, Fr. PJ Smith;

Fr. Matthew King moves to Jersey as Assistant Priest;

Fr. Anthony Chiatu (Bamenda) moves to St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs as Assistant Priest;

Fr. Afah Gaston Forbah (Bamenda) moves to Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey as Assistant Priest.

I would like to express immense gratitude to the priests who are moving for all their hard work for the Lord in their current placements, and to thank them for agreeing to take on these new assignments. It is deeply moving to receive the humble obedience and joyful willingness of these priests. Moving from one appointment to another is about the hardest thing we do as priests. It is also a great challenge for our Deacons and for all our parishioners. I pray earnestly that the Lord, Who, I am convinced, has been guiding this whole process, will grant us all the strengthening and refreshing grace we need. The announcements here are now more or less complete. Many of the appointments become effective on 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but the exact change-over dates will vary depending on the schedules of both incoming and outgoing priests. Bishop Philip

*Gracious and loving God, we thank your
for the gift of our priests.*

*Through them, we experience your presence in the
sacraments.*

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need
to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

*Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.*

In the readings this week, Elijah and Jesus both seek out quiet places to pray alone. They reveal an ever-present God who reaches out to us and brings peace, especially amidst the storms of our own lives.

The First Reading sees a dejected Elijah finding a place of solitude. There he recognizes and responds to God's still, small voice in the gentle breeze, rather than in the more dramatic events of wind, earthquake and fire.

The Psalmist asks for the Lord's saving help as well as listening to his voice – one that speaks of justice and peace, mercy and faithfulness.

In the Second Reading, St Paul shows his love for his fellow Jews, agonizing because most of them reject Christ. Paul is ready to be cut off entirely from Christ himself, if that would help his Jewish kinsfolk recognise Christ as their Lord.

The storm in Elijah's life is echoed by the storm in the Gospel. We see the disciples overcome their fears and doubts as they eventually recognize Jesus. Seeing the power of his presence, they proclaim their belief in who he is:

'Truly, you are the Son of God'.

The events of recent months may have made us more aware of God's presence in times of chaos. As we continue to move through these uncertain times, we pray for the grace always to be aware of God's presence in our lives, and confident in the peace he offers us.

Pope's Intention for August, 2020

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families

The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult. Sometimes they are victims of forced labour or are left behind in distant ports.

The competition of industrial fishing and the problem of pollution make their work even more complicated.

Without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve”..

Thought for the Week

“The fundamental orientation of the Church must be outward. Of course we must maintain the flock, but when we deny an outward orientation as a Church, when we focus our resources primarily on our inner life, we become sick... A malfunctioning photocopier, jammed and overheated, is an image of parishes that are turned in on themselves. If we are not constantly intentional about maintaining a missionary posture, so many internal issues compete for our attention that we become exhausted and have nothing left for the outsider. When Christians are inward-focused rather than outward-focused our concerns and conversations become unhealthy. It is no surprise that when people on the outside of the Catholic world look in on Catholic social media, they are unlikely to find it an attractive place burdened as it is by criticism, judgement and infighting. It does not have to be that way. Changing direction means changing from an inward to an outward focus.”

(Fr. J. Mallon Beyond the Parish).

August—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

With all that's happened this year many of us probably wonder where 2020 has gone, but this Saturday we begin August, the month traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Until 1969, when Pope St Paul VI reorganised the Roman Calendar, the Octave Day (22nd August) now celebrated as the Queenship (or Coronation) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1944

(now celebrated on the Saturday after the Feast of the Sacred Heart).

Why not pray this Litany each day during August?

(composed by St John Henry Newman soon after his reception into the Catholic Church in 1845)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Mary, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, according to the heart of God, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, united to the Heart of Jesus, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, organ of the Holy Spirit, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, sanctuary of the Divine Trinity, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, tabernacle of God Incarnate, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, immaculate from thy creation, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, full of grace, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, blessed among all hearts, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, throne of glory, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, most humble, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, holocaust of Divine Love, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, fastened to the Cross with Jesus Crucified, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, comfort of the afflicted, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, hope of the agonising, *Pray for us.*
Heart of Mary, seat of mercy, *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.*
Christ, graciously hear us.

V/. Immaculate Mary, meek and humble of heart:

R/. *Make our hearts according to the Heart of Jesus.*

Let us pray. O most merciful God, Who, for the salvation of sinners and the refuge of the miserable, wast pleased that the Most Pure Heart of Mary should be most like in charity and pity to the Divine Heart of Thy Son, Jesus Christ: grant that we who commemorate this sweet and loving Heart may, by the merits and intercession of the same Blessed Virgin, merit to be found according to the Heart of Jesus. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Reopening the Church for Public Mass
THE DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY
OBLIGATION REMAINS IN PLACE

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF THE
STEWARDS AT ALL TIMES

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK
(and gloves if you wish)

Mass times will be
5.30pm on Saturday evening and
11.00am on Sunday morning
9.30am on Wednesdays

(This Mass is for the vulnerable and Over 70's)

To book a place for week-end Masses please
email stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or telephone 01420 82030

PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 15
MINUTES PRIOR TO MASS TIMES

I would respectfully request that the vulnerable and over 70s, for their own health and safety, avoid the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

For those who fall into this category there will be Mass at 9.30am each Wednesday.

It will not be necessary to book for this Mass but you will be required to give your contact details to the Steward when you arrive.

Would you therefore please aim to be at the Church no later than 9.15am.

May I please ask younger parishioners to avoid this Mass, giving priority to those in the over 70's and vulnerable categories

The capacity at this Mass will be reduced to 25 people to allow maximum space for social separation.

Following the recent announcement by the Bishops of England and in accordance with Government and Diocesan Rules I am delighted to say that we will be opening St. Mary's Church is now open for Public Mass
The following rules will be in place in accordance with COVID19 directives.

The Church will have, until further notice, a maximum capacity of 30 persons.

To be fair to all, there will be a booking system in place. You will need to supply your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. You may only book for yourself, in the case of a family (living in the same house) you may register your family, including all the names of those wishing to attend on your booking application. Booking will be by phone(82030) —if no reply, please leave a message and your contact number. or email (stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Making a request is not a guarantee of a place. Please

wait until you receive an email or phone call to confirm. Given the limited number of persons per Mass, it would be appreciated if you would limit your bookings, initially, to once per month to give all those who wish, a chance to attend.

Upon arrival, please queue 2metres apart and wait for a Stewards to invite you in. Once inside, please sanitise your hands and wait to be directed to your seat.

Places you may use will be marked.

In Church please continue to wear your mask, which should only be removed for Communion.

Holy Communion will be ministered by the Priest alone and only under one kind, namely under the form of Bread. Holy Communion may only be received directly

When approaching, Communicants should do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between themselves and the Priest. Hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.

The Stewards will direct you at Communion time when a one way system will be in operation.

1 Meter rule applies.

There will be no mass sheets or books in use.

The Sign of Peace will not be exchanged during Mass. There will NOT be an Offertory Procession. The bread and the wine to be used during Mass will be prepared before-hand and kept safely on the Sanctuary.

There will NOT be a pause during Mass for the Offertory Collection so please place your offering in the basket which will be available inside the Church.

There is fresh encouragement for members of the Parish to make their offerings by Standing Order or Direct Debit. If you would like further details and/or a form, please email the Secretary :

stmarysalton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For the present time singing is not permitted at Mass as it increases the risk of transmission of the virus.

No cushions or soft furnishing are permissible and until further notice the toilets and halls will be closed.

This is allow the teams to clean and sterilise the Church after each Service, in accordance with the COVID 19 regulations .

These measures are in place for your protection and the protection of the community..

In accordance with COVID 19 regulations, Masks and gloves should be disposed of at home and not in the Church or its grounds. This is to protect the stewards and cleaners and others in the community.

Please DO NOT socialise after Mass in either the Church or Car Park.

in the hand (gloves may not be worn at this point.).

At the place where Communion is to be distributed, a small table will be placed to socially distance the Priest from Communicants.

Further details will follow as I have been informed that the Diocese is preparing revised rules in accordance with recently released Government directives and therefore the information above may be subject to change

Yours in Christ, Fr. James