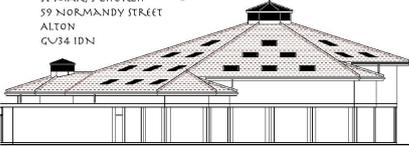


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PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME

(WITH RESTRICTIONS)

MASS INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 20th September, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year (A) (Psalter Week 1)

Saturday 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Rosamma, RIP
Sunday 11.00am	<i>25th Sunday of the Year</i> John McGinty, RIP
Monday	<i>St. Matthew</i>
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday	<i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i>
Thursday	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Friday	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday 5.30pm	<i>Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i> The People of The Parish
Sunday 11.00	<i>26th Sunday of the Year</i> Fr. James Murphy, RIP (F)
Confessions:	<i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i>

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Lift to me is Christ.

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 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous ?

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Fr. James will be taking is currently on annual leave on weekdays until 25th September.

Therefore, there will be no Mass on Wednesday 23rd September.

Fr. James will be Celebrating the week-end Masses (Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 11.00am) 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th September.

However, please note, that for these weekends, the booking system will be suspended and attendance will be on a first come first served basis.

Seek the Lord !

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

The justice and integrity of God flow throughout the whole of creation. God's generosity knows no bounds, and sometimes – as Jesus shows us in today's parable – it is too much for human minds to comprehend. Quite simply,

God's ways are not our ways.

Isaiah, in the First Reading, calls us to turn back and seek out the Lord.

The Lord is near to us, and full of mercy and forgiveness. The response to the Psalm declares that the Lord is close to all who call him. Our Lord is kind, full of compassion, and his abounding love is for the whole of creation. Such wonderful greatness cannot be measured.

Paul declares that life itself is Christ, and his evident enthusiasm encourages us to fully embrace a life centred on Christ. (Second Reading)

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus uses a parable of workers in the vineyard to challenge and stretch our thinking about those who are called to live and work for the Kingdom of God. We are all equal in God's eyes, and there is no room for human ideas of hierarchy and self-importance. The first will be last and the last will be first.

As we come to pray together, with Christ at the centre of all that we are and do, how might we live out these radical Gospel values in a world that is in so much need of the kindness and compassion of God?

May we have the grace to listen to the cry of the prophet, and to seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and spirit. In this coming week, let us pray for each other with a generous love, recognising that we are all equal as we work together in the vineyard of the Lord.

The Rule of Six

How are our churches affected by the recent government guidance on the 'rule of six'? From Monday 14 September, we are not allowed to meet socially with people from other households in groups of more than 6. This applies indoors and outdoors, including in private homes and gardens. The change is meant to simplify and clarify the rules on social gatherings, to make them easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce. Our churches meanwhile are COVID-19 secure venues, and so can host larger numbers and operate as before. Weddings and funerals are still be able to proceed with up to a maximum of 30 participants.

Second Collections

I am conscious that many people in the Diocese wish to donate to the good causes that usually come before us by means of a Second Collection at Mass. This year, many of these charities and groups have suspended their appeals because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, a page is being developed on the Diocesan website to facilitate donations for those who wish. Jo Lewry from CAFOD is keen to remind us that this year CAFOD Harvest Family fast day has moved to **Friday 9th October** with the weekend for the collection being the 10th and 11th October.

She says "During these times when our people and parishes could be struggling, it can be easy to forget our brothers and sisters in the wider and poorest parts of the world." Please do support this appeal and pray for those in need.

To donate directly, please visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Harvest-Fast-Day>
Then on 4th October weekend, there is the Peter's Pence appeal to support the Holy See, and on 18th October, World Mission Sunday when a collection is to be taken for Missio, the Pontifical Mission Society.

To make things easier we will be developing some online giving pages focussed on each of the second collections. The first of which will be available on the website this weekend.

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

In advance, thank you for your generosity. Bishop Philip

GIFT AID

A gentle reminder if we may please.

For those attending the week-end Masses and making an offering in a Gift Aid Envelope; please remember to write your Gift Aid number or name on the envelope so that we can claim back the tax on your donation.

If you are not already a member of the scheme please consider joining. If you pay UK Tax and have a Gift Aid Declaration in place we can claim 25p on every £1 that you give to St. Mary's.

Keep in touch on Social Media

Don't forget you can keep in touch with what's going on in and around the diocese in between issues of e-News: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/issue207.php> by following us on Social Media.

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St. Mary's RC Church

Thought for the Week

"In parishes and dioceses, we measure output, all the things we are doing. We often talk positively about the activities and works in which we engage. Unfortunately, we rarely stop to ask ourselves if we are effective. What are the outcomes? Does what we do make a difference? Are we moving the ball down the field when it comes to our fundamental mission: making missionary disciples?"

(Fr. James Mallon: Beyond the Parish)

Praying Through the Storm

The Sacred Heart Church in Hook invite you to join them for a free online Spiritual Talk on 24th September.. These are difficult times and people are searching for answers. In light of the present crisis, we ask the same questions as the disciples: Where do we find hope? To whom do we turn? Where do we find help?

In this one hour talk, Fr. Liam and Fr. Yamai, Carmelite Priests, explore these questions, drawing insights from Carmelite Spirituality and the guidance of Saint Teresa of Jesus, teaching us how to pray through the storms of life. REGISTER NOW: Contact the Sacred Heart Church Parish Office on hello@sacredhearthook.org (01256577007) or Joan Kent on tran_joan@yahoo.co.uk. More information on www.SacredHeartHook.org

Please remember in your prayers

Adi Morando, Maureen Rogers, Carol & Margaret Conway, Kate Cradock, Francesca Adams, Les Carter, Bill Wood, Brenda Gregory, Rita Rawling, Margaret Collins, Alex Smith, Lily Jones, Theresa Davies, Michael & Jo Rogers, Annette Mott, Annie Tomlinson



**O GOD OF COMPASSION,
HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Mass of St. John Henry Newman

Earlier this year, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales petitioned the Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments to elevate the memorial of St. John Henry Newman (9th October) in England and Wales to the rank of a feast.

This request and the recognition for the new texts has now been granted.

You can read and pray through the new texts promulgated for use at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours by clicking [here](#). (Note the splendid summary of his life for the Liturgy of the Hours and the fine extract from one of Newman's Parochial and Plain Sermons for use at the Office of Readings.) The optional memorials of St. Denis and Companions and that of St. John Leonardi normally assigned to 9th October are now transferred in our National Calendar to 10th October.

Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England.

As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847.

Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890.

He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010
and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019

The Collect

*O God, who bestowed on your Priest,
Saint John Henry Newman,
the grace to follow your kindly light
and find peace in your Church;
graciously grant that, through his intercession and example,
we may be led out of shadows and images
into the fullness of your truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

For full Mass texts click [here](#)

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. 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