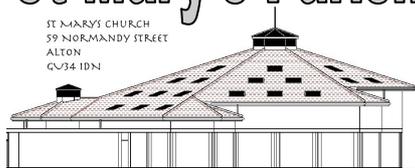


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PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME (WITH RESTRICTIONS) MASS INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 18th October, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year (A) (Psalter Week 1)

Saturday	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
<u>5.30pm</u>	Theresa O'Driscoll, RIP
Sunday	<i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>
<u>11.00am</u>	Special Intention
Monday	<i>Feria</i>
	The People of The Parish
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>
	Catherine Walsh, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>
<u>9.30am</u>	Fr. James Kirby, RIP
	Archdiocese of Southwark
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>
	John McGinty, RIP
Friday	<i>Feria</i>
	Derek Austen, RIP
Saturday	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>
<u>5.30pm</u>	Norah & Paul Byrne, RIP
Sunday	<i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>
<u>11.00</u>	In Thanksgiving
Confessions:	<i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i>

TRACK & TRACE

The government has launched a new system to aid the Track and Trace process. Places of worship are on the list of those venues that would benefit from its use. There is a **Q Code poster** displayed on the inner Church Doors. If you have the NHS App please scan the Q Code on the way into the Church and register our details with the Track and Trace programme. For those who do not have access to the App., details will need to be taken as previously upon your arrival

To book for Week-end Masses, please email or call the office giving your contact details and the names of those attending.

There is no booking system for the Wednesday Mass. Please arrive early for all Masses so that the Stewards can sign you in and usher you to your seat. Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance to the Church and masks must be worn. Please Note that bookings are only taken for the current weekend and not in advance.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard m as the apple of your eye/ in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 22:15—21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Wednesday, 21st October Feria

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard m as the apple of your eye/ in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Ephesians 3:2-12

The mystery of Christ has now been revealed and the same promise has been made to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me..

Alleluia !

Gospel Luke 12:39-48

When a man has had a great deal given to him, a great deal will be demanded of him.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Dear Parishioner,

My name is Catherine Joseph (a parishioner of St. Mary's) and I am a 5th Year student at The Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. Next year will be my final year and in order to complete my Degree in Divinity, I am expected to construct a research project as part of my dissertation.

The subject I have chosen to research is that of 'The Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting'.

I wonder if you might be kind enough to help me with this project by completing an anonymous survey (either to be handed out or found in a box at the back of Church to help yourself). All the survey materials have been left for over a week without being handled in order with Covid guidelines. Completed paperwork, can be posted in the box marked 'Research Project' situated at the back of the Church.

Upon completion of the data analysis, I would be happy to write again to provide more information and results (should you wish to know more).

Many thanks and God bless you.
Cathie

First Holy Communion 2020/2021

We would like to ascertain how many children may possibly be eligible to join the First Holy Communion Class of 20/21.

Depending upon the response, we can then decide if we go ahead with small groups in the Hall or perhaps use an online contact facility e.g. Zoom. If your child/children are aged 7 years (school year 3) or older on 31st August, 2020, you are invited to complete and submit the form which is available on the St. Mary's website at:
<http://stmarysalton.org.uk/home>

Keeping in Touch with You

By now, many of you will have received either an email or posted communication from me.

It has been a good few years since the last Census was completed and it has come to light that for some, the records we hold are out of date.

Some will have moved away and not informed us and others joined the Parish but not as yet registered. If you have not received any contact then please do get in touch. So many more people now have computers and smart phones and lots of those will now have email addresses. Email contact obviously helps the Parish by saving on Postage.

I would urge you please, to complete and return the Census, even if only with the basic information, Name, address, telephone number and email Address (if applicable) By doing so, it will be far easier to keep in touch with you.

Fr. James

Flowers for the Church

With reduced Mass attendance, the hall being closed and the car park usage minimal, understandably, income for the Parish this year has been 'lean'.

Since the Church has been open again, the Flower Ladies have been doing a wonderful job, often supplying flowers from their own garden but with the winter months approaching, garden flowers are coming to an end.

To minimise out-lay, if any Parishioners, from time to time, would like to donate a bunch of flowers or perhaps some branches with berries from your own garden, this would be most helpful and we would be extremely grateful.

Any contributions can either be brought to Mass if you are attending or left in the bucket outside the Church door.

Remembrance Service

This year, The Remembrance Service, in line with Covid guidelines, will be limited to 6 representatives.

During the Ceremony, a wreath will be laid on behalf of St. Mary's.

Road closures will be in place from 10.30am for the duration but the Service will be available to view online through Facebook Live



*Welcome thoughts that raise your heart to God.
Open wide the window of your soul.
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Book of the Names of the Dead.

November is the month when we display our Book of the Dead and ask parishioners to write in the names of their deceased relatives and friends.

It will not be possible to allow anyone to write in the book this year but please do let us have the names of those you would like remembered, either by email or a note through the Presbytery letterbox.

Your loved ones will then be added to the pages. The Book will be displayed on the Sanctuary and a Mass will be offered each week for those whose names appear within the book.

Please remember in your prayers

Marie Machin, 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**

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