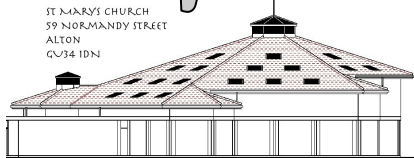


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MASS INTENTIONS
w/c Sunday 8th August, 2021
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
Year (B 1) (Psalter Week 3)

Saturday 5.30pm	Our Lady on Saturday In Thanksgiving
Sunday 11.00am	19th Sunday of the Year Amy & Len Gilbert, RIP
Monday Anstey Convent	St. Teresa Benedicta of The Cross Community only Carmel Hynes (91st Birthday)
Tuesday Private Mass	St. Laurence The People of The Parish
Wednesday 9.30am	St. Clare W & L. Plank, RIP (F)
Thursday St. Lucy's	Feria Community only Victor Rickard, RIP (F)
Friday 9.30am	Feria Paul Daynes, RIP & Sr. Margheriat Marchione, RIP
Saturday 5.30pm	St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Intentions of Charlie & Patricia Toal
Sunday 11.00am	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Gerry O'Connor, RIP
Confessions:	<i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i>

Please continue to book for the week-end Masses



10—10.30am
On The Last Saturday
of Each Month
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
& Confession (if Required)

SUNDAY MASS—LIVE STREAM

You can now join with the Sunday Mass at as below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA>

By following this link you will be able to see up-coming streams, past streams and uploaded videos. This can also be done directly through the St. Mary's website.

19th Sunday of the Year, 8th August, 2021

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 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God..

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia !

Gospel: John 6:41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

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

This Sunday 8th August
following the 11am Mass.

Cathie & Steve Joseph invite you to join them in a shared lunch in the hall.

9.00am Mass at St. Lucy's Convent

I am hoping that, in the very near future, with the agreement of Sr. Barbara, we will once again be able to celebrate Sunday Mass at St. Lucy's.

Initially there will be limited numbers.

With safe distancing being at the forefront of our minds, we will require Stewards to help facilitate this.

If you are willing and able to help then please contact Fr. James, either by email or telephone.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

From Sunday, 15th August, children are invited to join the Catechists in the small hall during the 11am Sunday Mass.

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning.

August 21st 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion.

Theme: "**Gifts of the Holy Spirit**"

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be Jesus to others. Special focus on charisms of tongues and miracles.

Mass celebrant and speaker:

Fr Gareth Leyshon, Chaplain to Sion Community for Evangelisation.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2021

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*

Wednesday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time, 11th August, St. Clare

Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses died as the Lord decreed, and there has never been such a prophet as him.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed be God who gave life to my soul.

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

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.

Friday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time, 13th 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 Joshua 24:1-13

I brought your father from beyond the River—I brought you out of Egypt—I brought you into the land.

Responsorial Psalm

Great is his love, love without end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

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

Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 129:3-12

You were so un-teachable that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives; it was not like this from the beginning.

Communion Antiphon

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

'I am the bread of life'

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.

Today's readings demonstrate how our Father draws us closer to himself, and – through Jesus Christ – nourishes and sustains us with the living bread of the Eucharist.

The prophet Elijah is convinced he's a failure, and is fleeing for his life into the wilderness. However, an angel of God rouses him from his depression, and comforts and nourishes him for his long journey to the 'mountain of God'.

(First Reading)

In the Gospel, those hostile to Jesus are complaining against him, confused by and misunderstanding his teachings. But Jesus challenges their criticism directly: he is the one who has come to reveal the Father to them. Jesus teaches that he himself is the true, living bread from heaven; bread that gives life for ever.

The Psalmist thanks God for deliverance from trouble, inviting us to 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'.

St Paul begs the Ephesian community not to sadden the Holy Spirit by their anti-social behaviour towards each other.

Instead they are to follow the path shown by Christ, loving each other as Christ loves them. (Second Reading)

Let us pray this week for an openness to the Lord's tender, nourishing care, especially when we experience times of alienation, self-doubt or despair. We pray to deepen our acknowledgment of our human vulnerability, and our utter dependence on God's grace and love.

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *Psalm*

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. *Second Reading*

The bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world, says the Lord. *Communion Antiphon*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

LAUDATO SI

The Laudato Si Group would like to update parishioners on their progress.

If you would be interested in receiving email up-dates then please contact the office or call Anne Bothwell on 01420 564130

Cheques made out to the Parish

The correct name is **P.R.C.D.T.R Alton St. Mary.**

O GOD OF COMPASSION, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers

Sheila Mather, Mick Fell, Dorothy Harte, Jonathan Wiltshire, Jeanne Abraham, Elizabeth Norris, Elise Hobbs, Denise Graham, Mary Sturgess, Tom Barbour, Adi Morando, Brenda Gregory, Alex Smith, Kate Cradock, Rita Rawling, Lily Jones, Francesca Adams, , Margaret Collins, Carol & Margaret Conway, Annie Tomlinson Theresa Davies, Michael & Jo Rogers



A message from Fr. James

Dear Parishioners,

As we come out of lockdown to a more normal way of life, the Church will, slowly but surely, be opening up.

Last Monday, I met with the Parish Pastoral Council and we discussed the plans for returning to a more normal, pre-covid routine, all the while still with the consideration of safety at the forefront.

To this end we would request that when attending Mass, you continue to wear a face mask or covering in Church and to sanitise your hands when entering and leaving.

It is hoped that the Choir will recommence, though Hymn Books will not initially be available. Congregational singing will be permissible but please do not remove your mask.

It is planned, from mid-August, for Readers to recommence their duties and to gradually have more Altar Servers at week-end Masses.

For the time being, to allow for social distancing, please continue to book to attend week-end Masses. . Wednesday and Friday Masses will have a maximum capacity of 30 and I would ask that preference is given to our senior and vulnerable parishioners.

The Stewards have kindly agreed to continue their duties but from August please use the QR code if you have a phone but if not then enter your name, number of people attending and a contact phone number on the list for Track and Trace. This list will be available in the Church Porch.

The two toilets in the main corridor will be open for use.

By mid-August it is very much hoped that we will be able to offer Sunday Coffee—more details in due course.

Sanitising will still be taking place after Masses but we would very much like to resurrect the Cleaning Rota. If you could spare an hour, perhaps once per week, this would be much appreciated. If you are willing to help then please phone/email the office or speak with me. Would those who were previously involved please confirm, or otherwise, if they are still willing to take part.

This Sunday, 1st August, at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, Steve Joseph will be Ordained as a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Philip. The Bishop has appointed Steve to work in the Parish of St. Mary's so he will be joining me on the Altar and will have his own dedicated role during the Mass. As we progress, both Steve and I will expand on the role of a Permanent Deacon in the Parish.

I look forward to welcoming more of you back to Sunday and Week-day worship but at all times please continue to help the Parish by taking Covid Precautions.

Fr. James.

Bishop Philip writes...

Over the summer, I've been planning the redeployment of some of our clergy from the autumn. Here then we announce the following new appointments. I would like to express great 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 too for our Deacons and for all our parishioners. I pray earnestly that the Lord, Who, has been guiding this whole process, will grant us all the grace we need. These appointments become effective on 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but the exact changeover dates may vary depending on the schedules of both incoming and outgoing priests. Please pray for all the clergy at this time.

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

Fr. Leslie Adams from St. Joseph and St. Thomas Havant and Emsworth to Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne as parish priest

Fr. Philip Carroll from Bishop's House to the Navy chaplaincy

Fr. Simon Chinery of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham to Immaculate Conception, Liphook and St. Joseph's Grayshott as parish priest

Fr. Ansel D'Mello from St. Joseph and St. Edmund's, Southampton to the VEC Rome for further studies at the Angelicum

Fr. Marcin Drabik from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Swithun's Southsea to South Wight parish, IoW as parish priest.

Fr. Paul Dzwig from Fleet and Church Crookham to Our Lady and St. Mary Magdalen, Alderney as priest in charge.

Fr. Michael Fava from army chaplaincy to St. Joseph's Newbury as parish priest.

Fr. Elijah Fru from Cathedral to Christ the King and St. Colman's Bitterne with St. Brigid's West End and Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End as parish priest.

Fr. Anthony Fyk to English Martyrs Reading as assistant priest

Fr. Joe Gruszkiewicz from South Wight parish, IoW to St. Joseph and St. Thomas Havant and Emsworth as parish priest

Fr. Peter Hart to Our Lady's Fleet and Holy Trinity Church Crookham as parish priest.

Fr. Anthony Ikhenoba (Diocese of Kaduna) to Corpus Christi Wokingham as assistant priest

Fr. John Lavers from Stella Maris chaplaincy to Holy Ghost Basingstoke as assistant priest and hospital chaplain

Fr. Joe McNerney to St. Thomas's Newport and St. Saviour's Totland Bay as parish priest and Coordinating Pastor

Fr. Paul Nwune to Jersey parish as assistant priest

Fr. Paul Obada from Christ the King and St. Colman's Bitterne with St. Brigid's West End and Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End to St. Bernard's and St. Michael's Waterside as parish priest

Fr. Leo Odomeja from Holy Ghost Basingstoke to Bishop's House, Portsmouth as assistant priest and Bishop's Secretary
Canon Simon Treloar from English Martyrs Reading to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Swithun's Southsea as parish priest

Fr. Johnpromise Umeozuru from Jersey parish to St. Joseph's and St. Edmund's Southampton as assistant priest

Fr. Stephen Vooght from St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs to St. Thomas's Newport and St. Saviour's Totland Bay as assistant priest

Two weeks ago, the Bishops of England issued a brief statement called Sunday – It Is Our Day. It announced that the usual canonical obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is to be restored on the First Sunday of Advent (28th November 2021).

Here is the statement.

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled *The Day of the Lord*. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives." May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of *The Day of the Lord*.

Association for Latin Liturgy

On Saturday 28th August you are invited to a meeting of the Association for Latin Liturgy. The ALL was founded in September 1969 to promote understanding of the theological, pastoral and spiritual qualities of the liturgy in Latin; to preserve the sacredness and dignity of the Roman rite; to secure, for the present and future generations, the Church's unique inheritance of liturgical music. The Association believes that its objectives are most likely to be achieved by frequent celebrations of the Mass in Latin in the Ordinary Form of the Roman rite, to which the majority of the laity are accustomed. The Bishops of England and Wales recognized the Association in 1970 as an approved Catholic Society, and in 1975 Pope Paul VI conferred on it the Apostolic Benediction. The Association for Latin Liturgy invites all members of the diocese and beyond to their 2021 open meeting which is being held in our diocese at St Joseph's Church, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB on Saturday 28th August.

The programme for the day is:

10.30 Welcome followed by Chant rehearsal for the Mass
12.00 Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) with Mass Propers from the Graduale Parvum for the Memorial of St Augustine and the Ordinary of the Mass sung to Missa Cum Iubilo
13.00 Lunch Advance booking required by 14th August-
14.00 Talk by Monsignor Bruce Harbert, former Executive Director of ICEL
16.00 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
16.30 Tea and depart