

## **Lockdown easing Step four: what's changing in church**

From this Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) a number of changes are taking place with our Covid restrictions at Mass. These are based on measures agreed between the Bishops' Conference and the Department of Health.

- The congregation will once again be able to join in singing at Mass. Thank God!
- At Holy Communion, the priest will again say "The Body of Christ" and we will answer "Amen". The one-way system will remain in place for Holy Communion, and stewards will continue to guide you at this point.
- You will be free to sit with family members or friends, without a limit on group size. Those who wish to sit apart from others will still be able to do so – just tell the stewards and they will find you an appropriate place to sit.
- Face coverings, whilst not a legal requirement, are still to be worn by those who do not have a medical or psychological reason for not wearing them. They should remain worn throughout Mass, including when singing. Face coverings need not be worn when you come into the church for private prayer if no Mass or other service is taking place.
- You will be asked to record your own attendance at church, ideally by scanning the QR code with the NHS App, or – if that's not possible – by recording your name on the sheet provided.
- Over the coming weeks we will reintroduce Prayers of the Faithful and the offertory procession at Sunday Masses.
- Booking is no longer required for any services.

## **What's not changing:**

We will continue to operate an enhanced cleaning regime in the church, and the church will always be well ventilated. Please continue to keep a respectful distance from others inside and outside the church, unless both parties choose to mix freely. Let's continue to do all we can to keep each other safe.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 16

The first Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)		Gregory and Juliana D'Souza RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Robert Metcalf RIP
	11:30am		Frank Madden RIP
	6pm		Mary Frances Connell RIP and family
Monday	9:15am	Lancashire Martyrs	People of the Parish
Tuesday	7pm		Special Intention (SS)
Wednesday	9:15am		Pauline Ashcroft RIP
Thursday	9:15am	<b>St Mary Magdalen</b>	Special Intention (S)
Friday	12noon	<b>St Bridget</b>	Winifred Sudell RIP
Saturday	10am	Cumbria Martyrs	Special Intention (LR)
	6pm (vigil)		Thanksgiving for 95 years
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parish
	11:30am		For Mathew
	6pm		Freda Burgess RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Kathleen Earnshaw, Christopher Gregory Braithwaite** and all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Robert Metcalf, Molly Durrant, Catherine Gallagher, Jerzy Wisniewski, Michael McDermott, Pauline Ashcroft, Alice Lakeland, Neil Prince, Marion Lowe, Jack Burton.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:** We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – CHANGES IN CHURCH:** This week we take another step forward in our gradual return to normal parish life. We are taking things slowly and cautiously, doing everything we can to keep each other safe. More details on the front page.

**BOOKING FOR MASS:** It is no longer necessary to book for the 9:30am Mass on Sundays. Regulars at this Mass therefore do not now need to let us know if they can't attend. All regular services may now be attended without advance booking.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** return to pre-pandemic times from Monday. Sunday Masses, including the 11:30am, are unaffected. See list of Mass times opposite for details.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We will shortly be contacting the families of the young people who were due to be confirmed in 2020, to make arrangements to complete their preparation and set a date for them to be confirmed. Also, any children currently in year 6 or above who have not been confirmed may register interest for this sacrament. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew.

**OPENING HOURS:** The church is normally open for private prayer Saturday 11am-5pm (with Adoration and confessions 11am-12noon) and Sundays 1pm-5pm. Weekdays 5-6pm with Adoration, as usual.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS:** From August we will return to the old system of specific collection times for the Food Bank (rather than the current 'as and when' system). There will be two collections each month, on the first and third Sundays.

**METANOIA PROJECT** are looking for some wonderful young adults to spend a year as 'Metanoia Missionaries', living in community and working alongside the existing team in their ministry. Could it be you or someone you know? All the details are on the website <http://metanoiaproject.co.uk/metanoia-missionaries/> or get in touch for an informal chat. Full contact details at [metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**FAITH AND REASON: A CATHOLIC INTEGRATION** is a four-day course (residential or non-residential) at Stoneyhurst Christian Heritage Centre, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August. Open to all, especially catechists and teachers. See poster in narthex for more details.

**CTFB JACOBS' JOIN:** In place of the annual Churches Together pilgrimage there will be a Jacob's Join at Our Lady and St Edward's on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1-4pm. To book, please send your name and phone number to Margaret Thompson at 302 Sharoe Green Lane by 21<sup>st</sup> August. Numbers are limited. See poster.

**FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET with Fairtrade:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, PR2 8EA. All welcome.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** today for the Good Shepherd Fund. This is used for the Bishop's charitable work in and beyond the Diocese.

## **Sunday Mass – a statement from the Bishops of England and Wales**

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.

### **“Unlocking” the Parish: our plan**

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. It is subject to change!

#### **Before the autumn (most dates to be confirmed):**

- We hope to have an outdoor parish social event.
- Visits to housebound parishioners and care homes may be possible.
- The church will reopen all day for private prayer.
- CTS booklets and leaflets will be available again in the narthex.

#### **From September**

- Children’s liturgy and all our youth groups should resume.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed.
- A full programme of parish social life will take place, if permitted.
- Other parish groups should be able to resume.
- We hope to be able to hold some events to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish and school, in November 2021.
- We hope that the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for late October may still be able to go ahead. More information soon.

We plan to continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound; everyone who can is strongly encouraged to attend Mass and rebuild our community. We will also continue with some other online output to assist with catechesis, evangelisation and outreach work in the parish.