

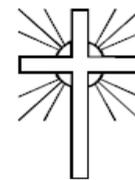


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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 19th July 2020

Fr Martin writes,

Holy Mass and confessions:

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have been granted permission to open All Saints Church for the celebration of Holy Mass on Saturdays at 6pm, starting next week, 25th July. Attendance will be by pre-booking only.

To avoid disappointment and embarrassment, please do not turn up unless you have booked a place at Mass: this is due to a limit on the numbers permissible in the church and is a condition of being allowed to open.

Booking can be made online at the central booking hub at www.massbooking.uk and the booking hub will soon be announcing a phone number for use by people who do not have access to the internet and don't have a relative or friend with internet access whom they can ask to book on their behalf. There is no charge for booking.

Places are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis and a waiting list system will also be in place. You must book for each Mass you plan to attend, and you can book a week ahead (so, booking opens this Saturday for Holy Mass next Saturday).

Social distancing will be set at 2 metres, so please observe this diligently as you arrive and leave church as well as when you are in church.

If you are in the extremely clinically vulnerable shielding category, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish. The bishops remind us that our Sunday obligation is still suspended, so if you are unsure about coming, do not feel under any obligation to attend.

If you or someone in your household displays any symptom of Covid19, then please stay at home.

When planning to come to the Mass you have booked a seat for, you may be asked to wait outside until invited in to take a seat. Please arrive in time to allow for this managed arrival to take place and for Holy Mass to start on time.

Stewards will assist you arriving and leaving church so that people are kept safe, and the stewards will show you to your seat, and call you forward when it is time to receive Holy Communion and when you may safely leave the church after Holy Mass. You will not have a choice of seat, and nobody will be allowed to sit or stand at the back of church.

There will not be a collection during Holy Mass but there will be a collection plate at the back of the church as you enter.

One of the measures to reduce risk of infection is that there is no singing in church. There are other measures that will make the way Holy Mass is celebrated different to what we're used to. Holy Communion may be received only in the hand.

It is good practice to wear a face covering, but it is not at present compulsory for the whole congregation; stewards are required to wear a face covering.

The church will be closed ten minutes after Holy Mass ends, to allow for cleaning.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so very hard to prepare All Saints for the public celebration of Holy Mass, and to all who have volunteered to serve as a steward. If you would like to volunteer as a steward, please visit:

www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/stewards

On the other days of the week, I continue to celebrate Holy Mass in one church or the other, turn by turn about, behind closed doors and with no congregation.

Work is continuing towards obtaining permission for St Mary Crowned to open for the celebration of Holy Mass on Sundays at 10.30am, and if permission is granted before next week's newsletter is published, then the High Peak section at:

www.massbooking.uk will have an entry for the church.

I am pleased to say that there is some progress towards starting confessions again.

One steward has volunteered to assist on alternate Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons, but at least one more steward is required, before we can go ahead and start taking bookings for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will take place at St Mary Crowned, for the reasons outlined in last week's newsletter, meeting the requirements of privacy, health protection, and safeguarding.

Thought for the Week:

Philippians 4:8

*Whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.*

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Parish Liturgy This Week

The week ahead:

Sun 19	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	Tue 21	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
Mon 20	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	Thu 23	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe
Wed 22	St Mary Magdalene	Sat 25	St James, Apostle
Fri 24	St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest		
Sun 26	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year		

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Saturday 18th July, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls (on Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday); For the people of the parish;
In thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity (JR); and For Della Saxton RIP (CM).

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

For Bishop Patrick, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community> (NB this is a new link)

For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>

For The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at 9.30am, go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

To connect to these, please visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/livestreams and select the church you wish to view.

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Psalm 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom: 8, 26-27; Mt 13: 24-30

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mt 13: 24-30

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment.

In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom.

As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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All Saints Monthly Draw: The winner of the June £100 draw was Mrs Cath Broadbent.