

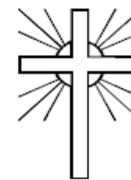


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Sunday 25th April 2021

Fr Martin writes. "Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr Tony Colebrook, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Fr Tony's funeral will take place next week. Under present regulations, to continue keeping people safe by managing the numbers of people in attendance, funerals are open only to people whom the family personally invite."

Fr Martin writes. "Our prayers are asked, too, for the repose of the soul of Joan Shearer, who also died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mrs Shearer's funeral took place on Friday at All Saints Church, and, in compliance with present regulations, to continue keeping people safe by managing the numbers of people in attendance, was open only to people whom the family personally invited."

Fr Martin writes:

We continue to be thankful that in the present lockdown people "can attend places of worship for a service." Thank you to everyone who contacted their MP during the second lockdown, asking their MP to request to see the evidence for the closure of places of worship. The government's current decision was based on the heartening results of places of worship diligently applying their Covid Secure measures.

We need to continue keeping each other safe by continuing our diligent and cheerful compliance with the measures that keep people safe. It would be easy to slacken off, but remember that even if you had your second vaccination 35 days ago, and so are now as well protected as you can be, and even if you took a lateral flow test immediately before setting off for Holy Mass, and it came up negative, other people in church don't know all that, and seeing somebody failing to wear a face covering or failing to observe social distancing can cause some people such anxiety that they are not able to give serene attention to the Holy Mass, and may even choose not to attend again. We remember that one mark of a disciple of Jesus is that we voluntarily forgo some of our freedom for the sake of others (see Matthew 17:24-27).

Even if somebody thought that they are immune and uninfected, and believed that the battle against Covid has already been won, and so felt they had the right to forgo a face covering and social distancing, they would, in Christian love, not exercise that perceived right (see 1 Corinthians chapter 8).

Wrap up warm. Research indicates that good ventilation can reduce the infection rate indoors by seventy percent. *Seventy!* So we will continue to keep church and hall very, very well ventilated for Holy Mass. We are pre-heating the venues before Holy Mass begins, but there's no escaping that at this time of year once they are opened for people to enter they may become cold and draughty. In addition to wearing warm clothes, you could even bring a rug for your knees and a shawl for your shoulders!

Limited mingling. Even at this point in the lockdown road map, we are not permitted to use our attendance at church as an occasion for relaxed indoor socialising. The stewards will help us to keep our two metre spacing during Holy Mass, and thankfully nobody has been idly chattering inside as they await the start of Holy Mass or queue to leave. Afterwards, once we are outside the church or hall, we can use the grounds of All Saints or the park near St Mary's Hall to chat in groups of up to six people or two households -- being careful not to obstruct paths, so people can get past without getting close.

Symptoms. Nobody should turn up for Holy Mass if they experience a new persistent cough, a high temperature, or a change in their sense of smell or taste.

Hand sanitising is not just a gesture. Remember that hand sanitiser (or soap & water) should be used liberally, & rubbed into all parts of the hands for a full 20 seconds.

Your nose is part of your face. We should take care to wear our face coverings properly at Holy Mass, making sure that mouth and nose remain covered. Face coverings are compulsory at Holy Mass, apart from individuals who are legitimately exempt. A three-layer face covering (single use or washable) should be used if at all possible, and many local shops sell three-layer face coverings (In Aldi I saw packs of three, three-layer washable masks for £4.99). Three-layer single use masks are available from the stewards on entry to the church or hall.

Two metres. The seating for Holy Mass is arranged to keep individuals or household groups two metres from others. While queuing to enter, and when moving around, we should take care to maintain that two metre spacing.

Follow the stewards' instructions. Our stewards have generously volunteered to help people stay safe, and their instructions should be followed promptly and cheerfully. Without the stewards, we would not be having Holy Mass with a congregation.

Being allowed to go to Holy Mass doesn't mean we have to. Anybody who feels anxious or diffident about taking part in Holy Mass should be reassured that we don't have to take part. Our bishops have suspended the Mass Obligation, so nobody is obliged to attend, and the bishops hope that people who are at special risk, especially people subject to shielding, will choose to stay at home. You are not being disloyal, you are not a bad Catholic, if you decide that instead of going to Holy Mass you will stay at home because, acting on your own judgement, you decide that's how you are going to protect your health, protect the health of others, and safeguard the NHS.

Thank you to everyone whose generosity with their time and talents has made it possible, and continues to make it possible, to achieve Covid Secure certification so we can celebrate Holy Mass with a congregation. And thank you to everyone whose cheerful compliance with the necessary measures has made our churches a beacon of best practice in preventing the spread of infection. .contd.

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)	
Saturday 24th 6.00pm,	Easter Feria ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (Tony Payne – Birthday Memories RIP (BP)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 25th 10.30am,	Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday SMH Holy Mass (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 26th 10.00am,	Easter Feria ASC Holy Mass (Stephen Bardsley RIP (SM))
Tuesday 27th	Easter Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Betty Wilson RIP – (Welling, Kent) (C&JB)</i>
Wed'sday 28th 10.00am,	St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr ASC Holy Mass (Donald Clarke RIP (PT))
Thursday 29th 10.00am,	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe ASC Holy Mass (Enid Hill RIP (J&CB))
Friday 30th 10.00am,	St Pius V, Pope ASC Holy Mass (Vittoria Ada & George Sonczak RIP (A&M))
Saturday 1st 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	Easter Feria ASC Confessions , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 2nd 10.30am,	Fifth Sunday of Easter SMH Holy Mass (Barbara Burns – Easter Blessing (CW)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Acts 4: 8-12; Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18 Fr Martin writes: (contd) Let's continue to pray for all those suffering from Covid, the medical staff who care for them, the scientists working to eliminate the disease and advise the government, and those in government and the civil service who are charged with the responsibility of keeping us all safe. Mass Bookings at St Mary's There are 24 bookable spaces for Mass at St Mary's Parish Hall on Sundays while the church is being restored. It is wonderful that so many parishioners faithfully attend in spite of Lockdown. Unfortunately, many parishioners who would like to book are unable to. Please be considerate when booking a place. If you have been to Mass at the weekend, we request that you do not automatically book the following week when bookings open on Monday. Perhaps consider coming to Mass every other week to allow others the opportunity to attend, or delay booking to enable others to book. No booking is required for weekday Masses or for Confessions and all are welcome there. <i>Thank you.</i> Great British Spring Clean – 28th May to 13th June 2021 This spring, our church community is invited to join Keep Britain Tidy to clear litter from our streets and parks; what is good for our environment is good for our mental & physical health too. In the past year our outdoor spaces have mattered more than ever before. Why not join us and show some love for those special places that helped us through lockdown. If you are interested in being part of our litter-picking group, we are meeting on Saturday 8 th May at Wrens Nest Carpark from 1pm and you can stay as long as you like. We shall provide hi-viz jackets, litter pickers, bags. For more info: https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean CORNERSTONE UPDATE 'We are continuing to provide take away packed lunches and fresh food parcels for 60-70 people Monday to Friday. We have a few lovely volunteers who have supported us throughout the pandemic and would be grateful for any new daytime volunteers Monday to Friday We are always in need of cardboard coffee/soup cups, brown takeaway bags and white paper bags for sandwiches and cakes. We are not able to accept any clothes donations until June. We no longer have the pods as Manchester City Council are on phase 3 of a bed for every night and our pods were decommissioned as they are phase 2. They did go to another charity so thankfully they are being used to support the homeless. We have no information on when we might reopen things may look and feel a bit different as part of the new normal. I have really missed all our lovely volunteers and look forward to welcoming them back, please tell them we keep you all in our prayers.' (Lorraine, Operations Manager at Cornerstone). 104b Denmark Road, Moss Side, Manchester M15 6JS. If you are able to help with either your time at the Centre to prepare and serve lunches please contact either Lorraine at Cornerstone 0161 232 8888 or Moira. If you can donate any of the above lunch packaging, please leave it at the back of All Saints Church or at St Mary's Hall at the weekend masses only or contact Moira. Glossop Rosary: We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 26 th April with the Sorrowful Mysteries.	