

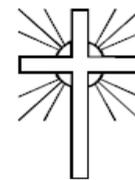


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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Sunday 25th July 2021

Fr Martin writes,

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Michael Reddy**, who died recently.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Arrangements for Mr Reddy's funeral were not yet known when this newsletter went to press."

Covid Precautions – Next Phase: Fr Martin writes,

I think I can speak on behalf of all of us when I say we're really grateful for the cheerful cooperation everyone who has come to church or to the hall has given as we've worked hard to keep each other safe during these difficult times.

Our stewards and those who help draw up the necessary risk assessments deserve our heartfelt gratitude, too; without them, both churches would have remained closed and Holy Mass would have been celebrated with no congregation.

While some measures are no longer a legal obligation, we all want to do our bit to keep each other safe, not because we are obliged to follow rules and regulations, but because our Christian charity is expressed, among other ways, in our thoughtful consideration for others.

Having looked at the local situation, the pastoral council and I judge that some relaxation can occur, although some measures are to continue for the time being. The following changes will begin to be implemented on Monday (26th July).

Booking will no longer be needed for Holy Mass, and the booking system will be stood down.

The social distancing in both church and hall will be reduced from two metres to 'one metre plus'. This is expected to nearly double the capacity in each place.

People will be able to choose where to sit, and "**Please leave me some space**" cards will be available for people who prefer a greater social distance.

Singing at All Saints Church will be reintroduced in a phased manner, and hymn books and Mass books will be available (and will be quarantined for at least 24 hours before they're used again). Singing at St Mary's will resume once the church is reopened.

We'll be keeping the church and the hall well ventilated, and the one-way system will remain in both places for the time being.

The distribution of Holy Communion will remain the same for now, and our stewards will gently indicate

to people when to step out of their bench. Until things improve, we'll continue with one reader for the Liturgy of the Word. Hand sanitiser will be available on the sanctuary for the reader, though its use will no longer be mandatory.

The present arrangement for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue for the time being, though it will now be adequate for people to be welcomed by one steward instead of two. Stewards will continue to assist people at funerals.

Altar servers who wish to start serving again (or new ones!) are now permitted to take up their duties in the sanctuary.

We'll ask people to follow these safety measures:

- Do not enter the church or hall if feeling unwell, or with any possible Covid symptoms, or if asked to self-isolate
- Wear a face covering in the church or hall (unless legitimately exempt)
- Sanitise hands on entry
- Leave other people plenty of space
- Scan the QR code or fill in a track & trace slip
- Socialise safely by chatting outside in the fresh air

A steward will be present to offer help and advice, 'Touch points' like door handles and light switches will be cleaned after each Mass or service, and the church and hall will be diligently cleaned weekly. For the time being, we'll continue in both places to contribute to the collection on the way in.

All these arrangements will be regularly reviewed, so more relaxation can occur as soon as that's safe, and more stringent measures can be brought back if, God forbid, that becomes necessary.

A Donation: Fr Martin writes,

While the present pandemic has sadly caused financial stress for some people, others have found that with no spending on holidays, days out, night-life, tickets to cinema or theatre, sporting events, and eating out, they have built up an unplanned pot of savings. A newspaper article recently reported that the average size of that pot is £7,000. Some will stash it safely away for a rainy day. Some will blow it on self-indulgence.

And some people are looking for ways to do lasting good with their windfall. Glossop is not without people who fit into that category.

I had the happy task recently of writing a thank-you letter to a kind donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their generous gift of five thousand pounds towards the project to convert a ...cont'd...

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMS = St Mary's School)	
Saturday 24th 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (The People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 25th 10.30am,	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year SMH Holy Mass (Jean Mannion RIP (S&MH)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 26th 10.00am, 12 noon	SS Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary ASC Holy Mass (Mass of Healing for Fatima Rita Vethanayagam (J&CB)) at St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield: Funeral of Jean Mannion RIP
Tuesday 27th	Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Wed'sday 28th 10.00am,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (Mass of Healing for Kathleen Cooper (J&CB))
Thursday 29th 10.00am,	St Martha ASC Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS))
Friday 30th 10.00am,	St Peter Chrysologos, Bishop & Doctor ASC Holy Mass (Special Intention (TN))
Saturday 31st 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	St Ignatius Loyola, Priest ASC Confessions, <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 1st 10.30am,	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year SMH Holy Mass (Margaret Burke – Birthday Blessing (PT))
This Sunday's Mass Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6: 1-15 <i>..cont'd</i> A Donation: Fr Martin writes, part of St Mary Crowned Church into a refreshment area and toilets. I expressed, on behalf of us all, deep appreciation for such generosity. Once the donor's cheque has cleared, the funds will go to an account which is ring-fenced for repairs and improvements at St Mary Crowned. Their gift will play a significant part in enabling a development which we pray will help us to advance towards our aspiration of being a more outward-looking, missionary parish with greater involvement in the community. Because of the work involved, and the need, in a listed building, for alterations to be carried out to heritage standards, the cost of making a café area and a toilet area will be high. The two areas will both be near the entrance, which has many advantages, one being that someone who needs the loo during Holy Mass doesn't have to walk to the sacristy passage in full view of everyone; some people find that embarrassing. No firm quotations have yet been obtained, but the figure is expected to be in the £40,000 to £60,000 range. Save the date- Morning of Reflection: We are excited to announce that Fr Eamonn Mulcahy has accepted an invitation to visit our parishes on Saturday 18 th September 2021. Fr Eamonn is a Spiritan missionary, theology lecturer and retreat preacher whom some of you may have heard in the past. He is going to speak about how the Holy Spirit empowers us all to be missionary disciples. If you would like to attend, please contact Jenny, and depending on numbers, we shall organise a suitable local venue. Full details to follow. There will be no charge for this event. Although Spiritans don't have any set fee for their ministry, if people would like to make a little donation to "The Congregation of the Holy Spirit" on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. HELPING HANDS: During the pandemic, 'Helping Hands' has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection as well as other requests. Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house. CONTACT: Wynne or Rob. GLOSSOP ROSARY. We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 26th July with the Glorious Mysteries. Dementia Friendly Walk and Talk, August 6 th , 10:30am at Manor Park, meet at duck pond by car park.	