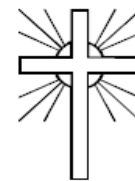


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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 21st June 2020

Can we open the church yet?

Teams of generous and determined volunteers have been hard at work in both churches as we prepare to apply for permission to open them for private prayer.

If permission is granted, stewards will remind visitors to keep the two metre social distance not only inside the church but also when visitors arrive and leave.

Visitors will be asked to use the hand sanitiser which will be provided. Some seats will be taped off to help people keep the required distance.

If a person visits with someone from their own household, they do not need to keep two metres away from that person.

There will not be any toilet facilities available.

There will be a maximum number of people allowed inside at any time, and so visitors may have to wait outside until told they can enter – a bit like queuing to get into a shop.

Once inside, visitors are not to touch any statues, crucifixes or other devotional objects. There will not be any books to use while in church; visitors must take away with them anything they bring with them.

Stewards will be present to help visitors, to make sure people are kept safe and follow the regulations.

Visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings inside the church. This is to protect other people in church, in case a person is carrying the coronavirus without knowing it.

People will not (as things presently stand) be refused entry if they do not cover their face, but to do so is a charitable act of concern for the other people in church, and the bishops have made it clear that wearing a face covering in church is not considered disrespectful in the present circumstances; indeed, it is a mark of a person's respect for others.

These restrictions might seem irksome, but permission to open a church depends on complying with them, and our bishops have adopted them, after taking scientific advice and studying government guidance, for everyone's safety.

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If we are granted permission to open before next week's newsletter is published, opening times will be announced at:

www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/visit

A huge thank-you to those generous people who have been patiently working through the regulations and risk assessments, and preparing the churches, so we can apply for permission to open; and also to those kind people who have volunteered to serve as stewards.

If you are one of those people who have been advised not to come out unnecessarily, please take that advice and keep yourself safe at home.

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading, Mt 10: 26-33

At the beginning of chapter 10 Jesus chooses his twelve apostles from amongst the disciples and commissions them to go out in his name. He gives advice on apostolate (vv.5-16), warnings against enemies (vv.17-25) and then comes today's reading.

Jesus urges courage and openness.

There is no one they need fear, no circumstance in which God will not be watching over them. He implies that he needs them to witness for him - it is a mysterious trust he offers.

What God could do in an instant (could God?), Jesus is saying, must be achieved by frail men who will suffer and fail.

Sadly, he feels the need to threaten he will disown them if they fail him. The mood of this passage is not easy to judge - courage, encouragement, then threat.

The "threat" carries on in the following verses. The apostles will see homes and families divided because of the apostolic preaching and are warned to place human affection second to duty towards God.

They must expect to be judged as belonging to God rather than as individual persons in themselves. They must die to themselves if they want to be true to God.

This truth St. Paul came to see reflected in Christian baptism - a dying and rising with Christ.

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Parish Liturgy This Week

The week ahead:

Sun 21	Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Mon 22	St John Fisher, Bishop, & St Thomas More, Martyrs	Tue 23	Feria
Wed 24	The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity	Thu 25	Feria
Fri 26	Feria	Sat 27	Feria
Sun 28	SS Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity		

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Saturday 20th June, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls (on Saturday, Wednesday and Friday); For the people of the parish;
 For Eileen Tagg RIP (anniv) (MH); For Bernadette Peck RIP (JW); and For Rev John Seabrook RIP.

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.

The Nottingham Diocese website provides details of live-streamed Sunday Masses throughout the UK if you would prefer to join Sunday Mass at a different time.

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5: 12-15; Mt 10: 26-33

Finance Committee

The members of our joint parishes finance committee noted at the last meeting that, though there is much experience and expertise among the members, it would be a real benefit to have a qualified accountant sit on that committee. If you know a practising Catholic who is a qualified accountant and might be willing to help, please pass on this newsletter to them and ask them to regard it as an invitation to volunteer. Please get in touch with Fr Martin if you can offer your help.

The statutes that govern the committee can be found on the parish website at:

<http://www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/documents/>

Good Counsel Network

Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country on Tuesday 23rd June, the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist. Normally thousands of people would hear about our National Days of Prayer and Fasting for Life through their Parishes, with notices and posters. Sadly at this time, this will not happen. You can find out more from Facebook at the page below: Click Going and then click Share and then use the Invite option to invite others; <https://www.facebook.com/events/572941403618449>

Thought for the Day

Loving and compassionate God,

We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

Give eternal rest to those who have died,

Comfort and consolation to those bereaved,

Heal and strengthen those who are hurt, in body, mind and spirit.

May we take comfort from the out pouring of love from those who help others.

Give us resilience to show love not hate, strength not fear.

May we grow in love for everyone and bring

Peace to our hearts so we can bring peace in our lives

and inspired by the Holy Spirit spread peace to the whole world.

Healing the wounds of tension and uncertainty. Amen

Let us love one another, since love comes from God. 1 John 4:7-16