

## Masses

**5 Dec**  
Saturday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**6 Dec**  
Sunday  
10:00 am  
11:00 am  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)**  
People of the Parish  
Mary Fogarty. R.I.P.

**7 Dec**  
Monday  
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*No Mass*

**8 Dec**  
Tuesday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**9 Dec**  
Wednesday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**10 Dec**  
Thursday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**11 Dec**  
Friday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**12 Dec**  
Saturday  
10:00 am  
*Private Mass*

**13 Dec**  
Sunday  
10:00 am  
11:00 am  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)**  
For all who suffer dementia  
People of the Parish

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

*call for appointment*

\*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;  
**Please, give enough notice.**  
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

## Anniversary of the Dead

Winifred Burgess	Harry James Stammers
Anthony Albert Colin Harris	Deacon Patrick Maloney
Peter John Stephens	Sidney John Lamb
Laurence Peter Michael Freeman	Shane Asbury
Alex Hennerly	Elizabeth Anne Alewood
Walter Northcott	Tess Martin
	Jean Jeanette Grant

*Please pray for the recently deceased*

## Collections

1<sup>st</sup> Gift Aid £  
loose £



**With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25**

**Thank you very much, to the parishioners who have decided to pay by standing order or online. It has been extremely helpful.**

To anyone who wants to contribute in this way please contact me, "Eileen" via Father Michael.

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Please send any announcements, ads, news, etc., to:  
[northfleet@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:northfleet@rcaos.org.uk)

**Second Sunday of Advent (B)**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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**Mrs K. Wheeler**



# Welcome Back!

It is wonderful to be able to welcome you back to Mass.

You will be aware that things are not quite the same as they used to be our "new normal" is not the same as the old one.

I want to draw your attention to the following changes, including those that affect the way that we celebrate Mass.

All of the changes have been made to comply with the government guidelines for the re-opening of churches for Mass and Diocesan instructions.



1. The capacity of the church has been reduced to 50, in keeping with the government's 2-meter social distancing rules.
2. We have therefore had to introduce a queuing system for entry to the church, first-come, first-served. There will be no entry to the church once this capacity has been reached.
3. You will be asked for your name and contact details before coming into the church to enable the parish to assist with NHS Track and Trace,
4. Entry to the church is through the front door only, exit only by the side back door into the car park.

5. The toilet is not in use at the present time.
6. Stewards are in the church to ensure that you are made welcome and kept safe while you are here. Please follow any guidance and instructions that they give you, especially with regard to social distancing and hand hygiene protocols.
7. Singing at Mass, and the use of shared hymn books and Mass books is not permitted at this time.
8. Holy Communion will be under one kind (no chalice) by the priest alone. Please wait for a steward to prompt you before coming forward to receive.
9. We are not allowed to pass the collection bags around the church. Please place your weekly offering in one of the collection boxes-near the front door as you enter, or by the back door when you leave.
10. Please ensure that you take your Mass sheet and newsletter with you-do not leave them in the church.
11. You are encouraged to not congregate with others and return home promptly once you have left the church.

## UPDATE: COVID19 GUIDANCE

*We have received updated guidance from the government, as follows:*

1. **Social Distancing** - Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with, i.e. if they are attending Mass with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.
2. **Face Coverings** - **With effect from Saturday 8th August, the government has made the wearing of face coverings in places of worship mandatory.** It would be most helpful if you could please bring your own face covering with you when you come to Mass. Children under the age of 11 are exempt from this change to the rules. Thank you for your co-operation.

## NHS COVID - 19 APP

Please be aware that, if you have downloaded this app to your smartphone, you can use it to scan the QR code as you enter the church. This negates the need for you to give your details to a steward.

## MARY FOGARTY R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Fogarty, mother of John Fogarty, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

## REST IN PEACE

There have been three funerals in the parish since the beginning of the last lockdown. They were for Frances Smith, David Osborne and Margaret Day. (Please note, this is NOT the Margaret who plays the organ in our parish at Mass. She is, thankfully, fit and well.) May they rest in peace.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offering, the collection taken at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, is your personal offering to the parish priest. This year, because the weekly Mass offerings have been much reduced, the Archbishop has instructed that all of the collections taken on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sundays 27th December and 3rd January shall constitute the Christmas Offering. Please bear this in mind if you will be attending more than one of these Masses.

## CONFIRMATION 2021

Registration for the 2021 parish Confirmation programme is now open. All young people, who regularly attend Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption or St John the Evangelist, Gravesend parishes are invited. The preparation programme is for young people in years 8-13 at school, or 13 years of age by 1st September 2021. The **Confirmation Mass will be in May 2021.**

*Meetings will take place from January on Sundays from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, using Google Meet as our video conferencing.* To register for the programme, please complete the **Google form:**

<https://forms.gle/8T6V4Kz8Yb4RTkB16>.

Please speak to Father Michael or Sharon Docherty if you have any questions.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

The times of Masses are as follows:

<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
<i>Thursday</i>	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11 am - 12 noon
	First Mass of Christmas: 6 pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
<i>Friday</i>	10 am & 11 am
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>
<i>Sunday</i>	10 am & 11 am

The usual rules about social distancing and household groups and bubbles in and around the church will apply, in the same way as they do on the Ordinary Sundays of the year. The church capacity of 50 will also be in place.

It has been traditional for the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve to be a Children's Mass, with readings and a re-enactment of the Nativity scene all done by the children. I am sure you will understand, that will not be possible this year. I am very sorry about that.

God willing, things will be much better next year!

## MASS INTENTIONS

There are ample opportunities for Mass intentions during the coming weeks. Please place any intentions in an envelope with your donation and contact phone number and post it through the presbytery letter box.

## MASS SCHEDULE

The current Mass schedule is Sunday Mass at 10.00am and 11.00am. There is no Saturday evening Mass and no weekday Masses with a congregation at the present time

## RECONCILIATION

The usual Saturday afternoon time slot for this sacrament has been suspended for the moment. Please contact me by email or phone to make an appointment if you wish to go to confession.