

Masses

19 Dec
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

20 Dec
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
4th Sunday of Advent (B)
People of the Parish
Michael and Kathleen Curran

21 Dec
Monday
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No Mass

22 Dec
Tuesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

23 Dec
Wednesday
11:00 am
Requiem Mass
Michael Boyle RIPs

24 Dec
Thursday
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
Christmas Eve
First Mass of Christmas
Mary Fogarty R.I.P.

25 Dec
Friday
10:00 am
11:00 am
Christmas Day
Christmas Mass
Christmas Mass

26 Dec
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

27 Dec
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
The Holy Family (B)
Laurence O'Connell
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

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| Benny Sweeney | Margaret Freeman |
| Joseph Emil Ettinger | Reverend Canon Charles |
| Sarah Murphy | Tritschler |
| Brigid Harkin | Edward Doyle |
| Patrick Hayes | Francis John O'Sullivan |
| John Dolan | Margaret Broad |
| Evelyn Doris Parker | Kathleen Langer |
| Gladys Fitzjohn | Madge Brown |
| Christopher Brown | Christopher Easterby |
| Erica Ann Fitzdouglas | Annie Waghorn |

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

13th Dec.

1st Gift Aid £ 51.50
loose £ 73.59

Missio Red Box: £133.14



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.

Newsletter editing deadline - 10:00 am, Fridays
Please send any announcements, ads, news, etc., to:
northfleet@rcaos.org.uk

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

20th December 2020



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Mrs K. Wheeler



Welcome Back!

CHRISTMAS MASS REGISTRATION

The stewards will today be inviting you to register your attendance at one of the three scheduled Christmas Masses. We ask you to please do this in advance so that we can regulate numbers within what is deemed to be the safe capacity of the church building under Covid regulations. This limit is set at 50 at the moment. This measure should facilitate both individuals as well as family groups and household “bubbles” to plan and register their attendance safely at a Christmas Mass. Please try to arrive fifteen minutes before the start of your chosen Mass. You may also register your attendance by calling or emailing Father Michael. We will try to ensure, as far as possible, that no one comes to the church and is unable to be admitted because of the limited capacity.



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.

CONFESSIONS

An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Christmas Eve from **11am to 12noon**. Confessions taken on the church sanctuary, social distance. Please wear a mask all times while in church & follow the steward’s guidance. Thank you

CRIB OFFERING 2020

Our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society’s Southwark Crisis Fund. Since March the CCS has provided emergency food & essentials, also mental health services, to over 5.5 thousand children & their parents/carers.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas Offering, the collection taken at Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, is your personal offering to the parish priest. This year, weekly Mass offerings have been much reduced. The Archbishop has instructed all the collections on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Sundays 27th Dec. & 3rd Jan. shall constitute “Christmas Offering.” Please bear this in mind if you are 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.

MICHAEL BOYLE R.I.P.

Please pray for Michael Boyle, who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 23rd Dec. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

The times of Masses are as follows:

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Chizaram Chibata, who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 27th Dec.

STEWARDS NEEDED

We would very much like to have some more stewards, to ensure the continued safe celebration of Mass in our parish. The role is quite straightforward, and also vitally important. Government guidelines state that a church may not open for Mass, or for any other purpose, unless it is safely stewarded. The more stewards we have in our parish, the greater the flexibility in arranging our rotas. Thank you to all the stewards that we have already for working so diligently to keep us all safe.

Please contact Father Michael or one of the stewards if you are interested in helping. You must be under 70 years of age and not in a Covid-vulnerable group. Thank you.