

## Masses

<b>26 Dec</b> Saturday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>27 Dec</b> Sunday 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>The Holy Family (B)</b>  Laurence O'Connell People of the Parish
<b>28 Dec</b> Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>29 Dec</b> Tuesday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>30 Dec</b> Wednesday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>31 Dec</b> Thursday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>1 Jan</b> Friday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>2 Jan</b> Saturday 10:00 am	<i>Private Mass</i>
<b>3 Jan</b> Sunday 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas (B)</b>  People of the Parish The Doyle Family

## Anniversary of the Dead

Edward Peard	Michael Buckley
Raymond Simmonds	Annie May Skingsley
Gladys Gale	Violet May O'Sullivan
Mary Agnes Boyle	Phyllis Owens
Fr Francis Young	Margaret Ireene Morgan
John David Horrigan	Mollie Skipsey
Desmond Long	Cardinal Francis Bourne
Catherine Burgess	Patricia McNight
Frank Traynor	Catherine Rogan
Mary McDonnell	Frederick Henry Geoffrey
Peter Flynn	Clements
Violet Townes	Fr Joseph Sheridan
Moya Julia Benn	Sophia Breslin

*Please pray for the recently deceased*

## Collections

20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

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.

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

The Holy Family (B)

27<sup>th</sup> December 2020



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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## 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.

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**Mrs A. Franco**  
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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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Serena Gill, who will be Confirmed at the 11.00am Mass.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

## Diary for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Week of 2020

*The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.*

LK 2:22-40