

Masses

9 Jan
Saturday
10:00 am
11:00 am

Private Mass
Baptism **Janine and Jemimah Aimienoho**

10 Jan
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Christmas (B)
The Baptism of the Lord
Friends of Margaret Ashenden
Kathleen Crowley R.I.

11 Jan
Monday
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No Mass

12 Jan
Tuesday
10:00 am

Private Mass

13 Jan
Wednesday
10:00 am

Private Mass

14 Jan
Thursday
10:00 am

Private Mass

15 Jan
Friday
10:00 am

Private Mass

16 Jan
Saturday
10:00 am

Private Mass

17 Jan
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am

2nd Sunday in OT (B)
Sick of the Parish
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

Fr Cuthbert Schoolbred	Patrick Myers (1976)
Henry Hickford	Dr Amphlett Micklewright
Austin O'Sullivan	Ada Chester
Philip Bernard Ashenden	John Lyons
Fritz Langer	Cecilia Lee
Alfred Tolhurst JP CC	Kathleen Emily Martin
Michael Sheehy	Maurice McNamara
Harry Hickford	George E Smith
William Charles	James Swanson
Perryman	

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

3rd Jan.

1st 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 Baptism of the Lord (B)

10th January 2021



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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** - The government rules for Lockdown 3 have been strengthened. With immediate effect, and until further notice, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending Mass or any other church service. These rules also apply outside, when in the vicinity of the church..
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.

ENGLAND

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health’s questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Diary for the 2nd Week of 2021

*“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

Mk 1:7-11