

Masses

27 Mar
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

28 Mar
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
Palm Sunday (B)
Wellbeing of Len Wooding
Nick Bailey R.I.P.

29 Mar
Monday
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No Mass

30 Mar
Tuesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

31 Mar
Wednesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

1 Apr
Thursday
7:00 pm
Mass of Lord's Supper
Priests of the Diocese

2 Apr
Friday
3:00 pm
Good Friday
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3 Apr
Saturday
7:00 pm
Holy Saturday!
People of the Parish

4 Apr
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
Easter (B)
Private Intention
All who suffer from dementia

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

Michael Hawkins	Mary Weller
Audrey Riddle	George John Wray
Phillip Mannerings	Peter David Baxter
Alice Kathleen Rose	Julia Barber
Horrigan	Pat McNulty
Fr George Grady	Jane McCormack
Vera Noreen Perryman	Vincent Thomas
Lawrence Morrin	Windsor
Christine Mary Weller	Henry James Cribb
Thomas Weller	

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

21st Mar.

1st Gift Aid £
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Palm Sunday (B)

28th March 2021



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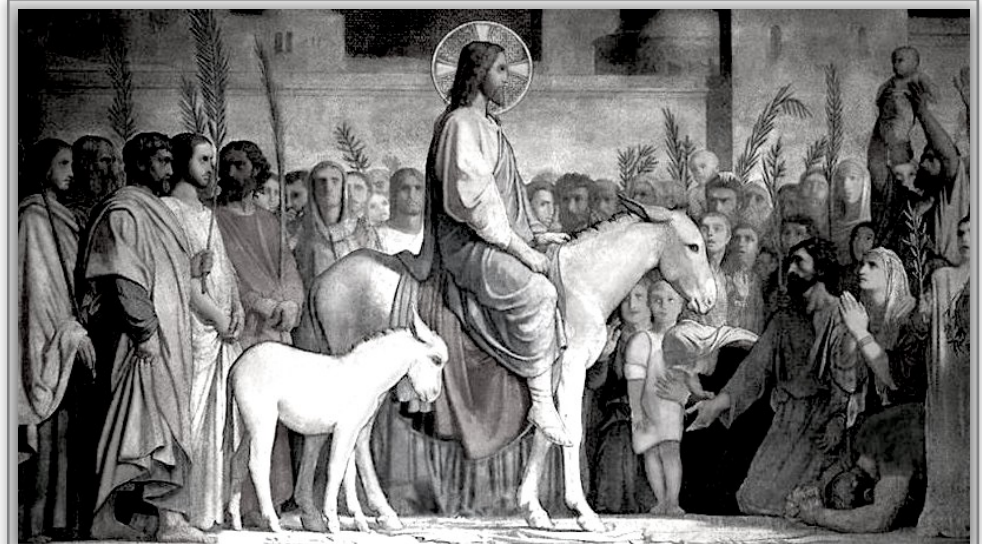
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Mrs K. Wheeler



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.

EASTER 2021

The Holy Week Masses and services will be celebrated subject to the guidelines issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Their guidance takes into account the restrictions which are still in place because of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is very good that, unlike last year, we are able to come together to celebrate all of the main Easter ceremonies. The normal Covid-19 regulations that we have become accustomed to will still apply during this time. We are still subject to a maximum capacity of 50 people at each service. Entry will be on a first-come, first-served basis. There will, sadly, be no admittance once the capacity of the church has been reached. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sunday 28th March-Palm Sunday

Mass at 10.00am and 11.00am

Palms will be blessed by the priest at the beginning of Mass. The blessed palms will be distributed to the congregation as they leave Mass. They will not be available before or during Mass.

Thursday 1st April-7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

The Washing of the Feet is to be omitted. For reasons of safety, Watching at the Altar of Repose at the end of Mass is not permitted this year.

Good Friday 2nd April-3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 3rd April-7.00pm Easter Vigil

There will not be an Easter Fire in the car park this year, so Mass will begin in the church in the normal way. Votive candles will not be issued to the congregation. Holy water stoups will not be re-filled.

Easter Sunday 4th April-Mass at 10.00am and 11.00am

CONFESSION

There will be an opportunity to go to Confession from 11.00am until midday on Good Friday.

EASTER OFFERING

The collections taken at the Easter Vigil Mass on Easter Saturday and the two morning Masses on Easter Sunday are your personal offering to the parish priest..

ONLINE MASS

A recording of one of our parish Sunday morning Masses will be available to view online from 6pm on Sunday every week.

Please log on to the parish website.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We will soon be issuing the Gift Aid envelopes for the next year. Some parishioners now make their offertory contributions by standing order or through online payments. If, because of this, you will not be needing your envelopes, please inform Abenaa, our Gift Aid organiser, by email to northfleetcatechist@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you.

ORDINAND

Please keep our Ordinand, John Fogarty, in your prayers as he will receive the Ministry of Acolyte next Saturday 20th March at the Cathedral, from Archbishop John. John is now in his last year of formation for the Permanent Diaconate and God willing, will be ordained in the autumn.

The acolyte is appointed in order to minister to the priest. It is his duty therefore to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass ... He may also, to the extent needed, take care of instructing other faithful who on a temporary basis are appointed to assist the priest or deacon in liturgical celebrations by carrying the missal, cross, candles, etc., or by performing other such duties. He will perform these functions more worthily if he participates in the holy Eucharist with increasingly fervent devotion, receives nourishment from it, and deepens his knowledge about it.

